

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 24, 2018

Present: Fr. Ray Brenner, Ann Rasche, Scott Brandt, Moises Basilio, Anne Brosmer, Julie Stone, Mike Hagerdon, Max Verkamp, Fr. Traylor, Jane Gehlhausen, Ben Schwenk, Patty Brosmer, Van Ziegler, Jerry Birge, Dan Fritch, Bridgette Bartley, Pam Freyberger, Carmen Miranda, Angie Greulich

Absent: Martin Estrada, Lynn Scheu, Greg Fuhs, Fr. Jerry

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Ray

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Scott Brandt.

The minutes of the August 27, 2018 meeting were approved. Patty made a motion to approve. Ann Rasche seconded the motion.

New Business:

1. *Nothing to report*

Old Business:

2. Parish Strategic Plan - Scott reported

- Strategic Planning Group had initial meeting on August 9th. Scott shared the names of the team members involved with the group. Reviewed the scheduled listening sessions that kick-off this week and the importance of these sessions. Thanks to Lori Mehringer and Ann Rasche for their efforts in organizing the sessions. Also, reviewed responsibilities of various team members. Scott will be talking about the listening sessions at this week's Masses.

3. Evangelization & Outreach - Mike reported

- Plan to proceed with the Parish Mission by Steve Ray. It will be two nights – Sunday, December 16th and Monday, December 17th. Final contract still needs to be signed.

4. Holy Trinity Catholic School Meeting Update - Scott and Mike reported

- Shared the letter outlining the Holy Trinity Parent Meeting which will be held in November. The definition of what "active parishioner" means will be discussed during the meeting. This will be implemented for the 2019/20 school year.
- On Friday, September 7th, this topic was discussed at the Deanery Priests Meeting. It was received favorably by all in attendance.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: Dan reported.

- Reviewed the Annual Financial Report that will be distributed in an upcoming bulletin.
- Discussed the upcoming Church renovation project and the two phases (Structural and Interior). Selected the architect, Entheos, to perform a \$30,000 assessment over the next 6 to 8 weeks to identify the needs of each phase. This assessment will establish some budgetary estimates for the two phases.
 - Looking to add 5 additional people to the current 7 members of the committee. Discussed potential candidates.
- Reviewed YTD financials in a condensed statement.
- Holy Trinity subcommittee is setting up a meeting with Greg Fuhs and Mike Fischer

EDUCATION: Julie reported

- Religious education attendance:
 - 5th Street - 1st Grade = 30, 2nd Grade = 40
 - 10th - 3rd Grade = 29, 4th Grade = 40, 5th Grade = 44
 - Middle School - 6th Grade = 25, 7th Grade = 21, 8th Grade = 18
 - High School - 9th Grade = 22, 10th Grade = 21, 11th Grade = 16, 12th Grade = 12
- Preschool on Sunday mornings have started with 20 children attending.
- Faith Adventures program has 40 students signed up.
- Two sessions for the 36 First Communion students have been held.
 - 20% are from Hispanic families.
 - K of C purchased the books for the students

- Confirmation is Sunday, October 28th for 10th and 11th grade students.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Scott reported.*

- **Bingo:** Next Bingo will be in October.
- **Bibs & Cards for Baptism:** Bibs out for embroidery.
- **New Parishioners:** 3 new Parishioners (Anglo) and 7 new Parishioners (Hispanic). Need to make up more bags. Have a new member and spouse that are interested in participating in Social Concerns.
- **Angel Tree:** Letter has been rewritten for age being 17 yrs or under. Will be sent out in October with responses due back Oct 26. Trees go up on Halloween (Oct 31). Put Angels on Nov. 3rd weekend. Distribution day is Dec 8th.
- **Senior Citizen's dinner:** Dinner date is secured for March 10th.
- **Respect Life:** Went to Louisville Clinic in August. Received packets for Respect Life Month – Posters are under construction. Purchasing new small set baby models. 40th Days for Life starts in October. Potential to go to Louisville Oct 13th for women's clinic.

LITURGY: *Fr. Traylor reported:*

- RCIA has started with 2 adult participants.

YOUTH: *Angie reported.*

- Calendar of youth activities distributed.
- High school and middle school outreach started. Have had 40 high school students attend Bosco on Wednesday nights.
- Have a couple of openings for the Milwaukee work camp next summer.
- Did two tailgates this fall at JHS football games. Mixed success and may not continue.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- Retreat being held on October 20/21st.
- Successful Latino Festival held in September.
- Started planning for the Christmas and Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Pam has connected with a family from California that is considering moving to Jasper due in part to the Catholic community.
- Fr. Traylor encountered out of town guests at Coffee and Conversation that were very complimentary of the Mass they attended.
- A sophomore boy who has been questioning his faith had a very rewarding experience this past week in his religious class. The boy's mother sent a complimentary e-mail about the experience.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Traylor led us in closing prayer.

The next meeting will be **October 29, 2018 at 7pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp