

# St. Christopher Catholic Church

## Pastoral Council

### Meeting Minutes

*February 15, 2018*

#### **1 Call to Order**

- 1.1 Margaret Bauer, Chairperson, called to order the Regular Meeting of the St. Christopher Pastoral Council at 7:00 pm EDT on February 15, 2018 in the Bethany Room.
- 1.2 The following were present: Margaret Bauer, David Ciechanowicz, Mike Clouse, Jim Csenar, Tom Edwards, Jim McMechan, Vicki Murphy, Mary Ann O'Neal, Fr. Paul Shikany, Pat Tutsie and Betsy Weddle.
- 1.3 Not present: Anne Thompson and Fr. Matt Tucci.

#### **2 Opening Prayer**

- 2.1 Mike Clouse led the group in an opening prayer.

#### **3 Prayer Volunteer for Next Meeting**

- 3.1 Tom Edwards volunteered to lead the opening and closing prayers in March.

#### **4 Acceptance of Minutes**

- 4.1 Tom Edwards distributed an electronic copy of the January meeting minutes via e-mail prior to this meeting. Pat Tutsie motioned to approve the January minutes; Betsy Weddle seconded.
  - 4.1.1 YEA: 9
  - 4.1.2 NAY: 0
  - 4.1.3 ABSTAIN: 0
  - 4.1.4 NOT PRESENT: 2

#### **5 Staff/Ministry Reports**

- 5.1 Pastors' Report
  - 5.1.1 Fr. Paul Shikany
    - 5.1.1.1 Will discuss with Master Planning Committee regarding direction due to new land acquisition information.
    - 5.1.1.2 Will not know about status of Associate Pastor until late spring 2018.
    - 5.1.1.3 First Festival Committee meeting was on Monday. New ideas proposed to help increase revenue, control costs and incorporate technology. Budget is due March 6.
    - 5.1.1.4 Steeple restoration is progressing as weather permits. Looking into quotes to paint the wood belfry.
    - 5.1.1.5 Fr. Paul is asking Building & Grounds Committee to assist with procurement of wheelchair lift for west stairs in school cafeteria, in lieu of an elevator, while the Master Plan is on hold. This will allow those with ambulatory disabilities to gain access to the lower level of the school for school, meetings, BINGO and Festival.
    - 5.1.1.6 BINGO Committee is considering Colossal Bingo game with larger rewards. Will not likely begin until August.
    - 5.1.1.7 Still waiting on final proof of parish directory. Out of the Parish's hands at this point.
    - 5.1.1.8 Notable Fact: St. Christopher has hosted 128 funerals since Fr. Paul joined the Parish.

## 5.2 Financial Report

### 5.2.1 Jim McMechan

5.2.1.1 As of 2/4/18, income is \$75,828 ahead of the same time last year.

5.2.1.2 As of 2/11/18, income is \$68,857 ahead of the same time last year, with the slow-down due to icy weather.

## 6 Committee Reports

### 6.1 Security

6.1.1 Mike indicated that he had taken 95% of the photos for the Digital Sandbox.

6.1.2 On Friday, March 2, Mike, Betsy and Pat will meet to organize the photos and prepare them for uploading to the Digital Sandbox.

6.1.3 Tom Edwards will continue working on new evacuation maps for the entire campus, which will take into account the new Door Numbers.

6.1.4 Mike attended a 21-hr Emergency Management workshop on February 2, 3 and 4 in Brownsburg, which was held specifically for the Speedway community. He received a Certificate.

6.1.5 Pat Tutsie asked if Mike could train staff, but Mike indicated we would need a written training program in place.

6.1.6 The program focused heavily on first responders, triage, sheltering in place and identifying exits.

6.1.7 St. Chris needs to focus on identifying exits as well as paths to safely shelter in place.

6.1.8 Mary Ann O'Neal indicated that the Speedway Police Department offers a Citizen's Academy training opportunity for residents.

### 6.2 Nomination & Election Committee

6.2.1 Betsy Weddle is serving as the chair of the Nominations/Elections Committee. She provided her report on election preparations.

6.2.2 Existing Council members whose positions are expiring need to notify Betsy of their intent to run for re-election, if applicable.

6.2.2.1 Pat Tutsie will reach out to Anne Thompson to obtain her intentions.

6.2.3 April 16 is the deadline to submit biographies and applications.

6.2.4 Elections will be held the weekend of May 19 & 20, with Ballot Counting on May 20 after 10:30am and 5:30pm Masses.

6.2.5 Election results will be announced at May 26 & 27 and June 2 & 3 Masses.

## 7 Old Business

### 7.1 Steeple

7.1.1 Addressed in Pastor's Report.

### 7.2 Master Plan

7.2.1 Master Planning Committee will discuss the path forward.

## 8 New Business

8.1 Group discussion regarding sanitation concerns surrounding shared wine cups and physical contact at Mass.

8.2 Other Parishes have stopped serving wine and discourage shaking hands during the "Sign of Peace" during this bad flu season.

8.3 St. Christopher will continue to offer wine, and will not forbid shaking or holding hands. However, the Council wishes for Parishioners to know that they should not feel guilt for not taking wine, shaking hands,

or holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. As always, these traditions are voluntary, and proper hygiene should be considered first and foremost.

**9 Announcements**

9.1 St. Christopher celebrates Mass at St. Anthony on Fridays during Lent, followed by a fish fry.

**10 Closing Prayer**

10.1 Mike Clouse led the group in a closing prayer.

**11 Adjournment**

11.1 Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm EDT

**12 Next Meeting:** March 15, 2018 @ 7:00 pm EDT

Prepared By: Tom Edwards

Approved On: 03/15/2018

Chairperson: X *Margaret E Bauer*

APPROVED