

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 19, 2017

Present were: Fr. Paul Shikany, Fr. Matt Tucci, Anne Wilmes, Margaret Bauer, Mike Clouse, David Ciechanowicz, Jim Csenar, Jim McMechan, Dan Krodel, Vicki Murphy, Bill Szolek-VanValkenburg, Anita Thompson, and Pat Tutsie.

Absent: Anne Thompson

Anne W. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Margaret led the council in an opening prayer and Father Matt volunteered to lead the council in prayer at the February meeting.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as corrected and will be forwarded to the parish office to be posted on the website.

Staff/Ministry Reports

Father Paul reported that the ad hoc committee to review Mass schedules has been meeting and another meeting is scheduled soon. The parish is within \$28,000 of reaching its goal for United Catholic Appeal. Father Matt thought there was some confusion with the holiday mass schedule this year and suggested that in the future signage might be more prominently posted a week or so in advance when Sunday mass schedules will be affected either by Holy Days, holidays or IMS races. Pizza with the Pastor with Father Matt is doing well and drawing more and more in attendance.

Bill handed out the 2017 second collection schedule. It was decided that St. Meinrad and the Little Sisters of the Poor will be invited to visit St. Christopher annually on an alternating basis.

Jim Mc reported weekly collections are still ahead of last year. It was apparent Christmas and New Year falling on Sundays this year did not have an adverse effect on regular collections. Parishioners using on line giving for their church donations need to be reminded they must renew this process annually.

Committee Reports

About 35 people attended the Memorial Mass including a few people from St. Anthony. There be an Annulment Workshop held on 2/2 at St. Anthony's led by diocesan tribunal staff. On 2/18 there will a deanery wide servers party hosted by St. Christopher.

Pat and Mike recently had a very productive meeting with Homeland Security and IMPD staff regarding campus security. They were led to believe that while St. Christopher is somewhat better prepared than other similar groups, there is still a lot which needs to be done. Evacuation diagrams need to be conspicuously posted in such a way that they are easily seen by all. An offer was made to conduct an in-service training session at St. Christopher to primarily stress the need for a more heightened awareness of what was going on around us during campus activities including church services, athletic events, bingo, and festival. Parishioners with medical or security backgrounds need to be identified and encouraged to participate in this training.

The Master Plan is still progressing. It is hoped the recent assignment of a diocesan administrator may be helpful in advancing this project.

Old Business

None

New Business

There was a discussion during a review of the council's constitution as to whether there needs to be a pastoral associate ex-officio member on the council if we have an associate pastor attending the Council meetings. The Nominations Committee was asked to meet in advance of the February meeting in preparation of submitting a firmed up time line to the full council. A draft of the council election schedule was distributed.

Announcements

Sister Kathy and the St. Christopher Parish Welcoming Committee are hosting a Winter Welcome for new parishioners registered in 2015 and 2016 on January 28 after the 5:30 mass.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with Margaret leading the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Csenar, Council Secretary