

ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2017

Present were: Fr. Paul Shikany, Dan Krodel, Margaret Bauer, Vicki Murphy, Anne Wilmes, Jim Csenar, Anita Thompson, Dave Ciechanowicz, Mike Clouse, Jim McMechan, and Pat Tutsie.

Absent were Fr. Matt Tucci and Anne Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm and Vicki led the council in prayer. Anita volunteered to bring a prayer to the April meeting. The minutes from the February meeting were accepted as presented and will be posted on the parish website.

Staff/Ministry Reports:

St. Meinrad's received a grant from Eli Lilly Foundation to do a study into a Young Adult Initiative. A survey will be developed targeting the 18 to 40-year-old age group. Changes should be noticed with the carillon chimes after 4/1 to allow the bells to be heard in church for specific events such as weddings and funerals. Thanks go out to Bill Fike for completing this project. Fr. Paul requested 4 priests to assist at the 4/5 penance service. Nine priests will be available to hear confessions. The penance service will be for St. Chris and St. Anthony. Pictures for the directory are being taken and sign up times are still available. The parish has collected \$106,000 in contributions and pledges for this year's United Catholic Appeal. This total represents 83% of our goal.

Financial Report: Jim McM reported that year to date collections are up over \$22,000 over the same time last year representing a 2.2% increase.

Committee Reports:

Connected in the Spirit: St. Meinrad's service day went well. There continues to be a push towards a core evangelical movement from the Archdiocese. A progress report on initiatives with our Cohort is due 5/15. In addition, a dashboard report on each cohort's progress is being prepared for the future archbishop. The Mother's Day breakfast is up in the air.

Campus Security: Pat, Mike, and Tom Edwards are planning to pore over several federal and state emergency plans including a couple from a few churches to come up with ideas for our community. Homeland Security is ready, willing, and able to provide training.

Master Plan Update: A \$4000 bid has been received to evaluate the steeple atop the old church and to determine the structural feasibility to remove the steeple and cap it at its base. This engineering evaluation does not include construction costs or even an estimate of what would be the cost to remove the steeple.

Ad Hoc Committee Update: A couple of mass schedule change proposals are being prepared in the event Fr. Matt is reassigned in a year or so.

Nominations/Election Committee Update: Margaret presented an updated time line for the 2017 elections. Pulpit announcements have begun and help will be needed to replenish ballots and pencils between masses.

Old Business: None

New Business: The council social event will be on 6/29.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 with a closing prayer led by Vicki.