

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR MARCH 17, 2016

Present: David Ciechanowicz, Jim Csenar, Dan Krodel, Vicki Murphy, Tim Ramion, Neil Schaefer, Fr. Paul Shikany, Bill Szolek-VanValkenburgh, Anita Thompson, Anne Wilmes.

Absent: Fr. Dan, Jim McMechan, Anne Thompson.

Call to Order/Opening Prayer: Chair Anne W. called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in Bethany room. Vicky gave all An Irish Prayer and then prayed it. Anne W. added a short prayer for the parish.

Volunteer for April Prayer: David

Acceptance of the February 2016 Minutes: The minutes were accepted by consensus as written.

Staff/Ministry Reports

Pastors' Report:

Fr. Paul announced that the first meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee with the architects will take place after Easter. A 15th Street neighbor has requested a conversation regarding our potential use of the recently acquired properties. Fr. Paul encourages an open house for parishioners to view these newest property acquisitions. Lenten activities at St. Anthony included about 35 St. Chris parishioners at the Stations of the Cross, with fewer for the fish fry; the Reconciliation evening was crowded. Several minor Holy Week changes will be made at St. Chris, including an altered adoration of the cross on Good Friday. Good Friday services will take place at 3 and 7 p.m. Forty parishioners will be confirmed on May 25 at the Cathedral, and 50 children will receive First Communion on Saturday, April 30, at 1 p.m. at St. Chris.

Pastoral Associate Report:

Bill explained that we are going back to the universal Easter Vigil of fire first. At the Vigil there will be immersion of adults and two children. There will be five professions of faith, two confirmations, and nine baptisms.

Financial Report:

Fr. Paul announced the financial information in Jim's absence. The YTD collection through 3/13/16 is \$987,411.52, and the YTD Actual is \$26,834.54 above budget. At this time, 89 families are using on-line donations.

Committee Reports

Connected in the Spirit:

Dan reported that the next Connected in the Spirit meeting will be held on April 19, and they will create a new implementation plan for next year in addition to a progress report for this year. The server party on February 20 was a good event and had about 120 attendees, including some archdiocesan parish priests. It is still not certain that St. Anthony will have a food booth at the St. Chris festival this year. A St. Anthony/St. Chris banner is being planned for partnership activities.

Nominations/Elections

The committee suggested beginning pulpit, bulletin, and Emmaus Way monitor announcements to inform parishioners that parish council nominations are due by April 16. These announcements should continue through April 10.

Master Planning Committee

There are no updates at this time.

Old Business

Campus Security

Dan is reaching out to the Indiana State Police to see what they might offer for a public event on safety in any setting.

New Business

Weekend Mass Reduction Planning

Fr. Paul is aware that one day in the future we may not have a second priest, and a priest can say only three Masses in one day. This might be a good time to begin discussion and possible data gathering to determine the best Mass times if a reduction is necessary. This topic will be discussed further in the future.

Announcements

Ministry Fair – Sept. 10/11: Anne W. advised that the Fair will be held in the gym, and there will be more details later.

Festival Notes: Anne W. will invite the Festival Committee chairs to attend a parish council meeting and let us know about plans for this year. A Speedway concert will be held in Leonard Park one night of the festival.

Other: Neil inquired how the Lenten choral concert was perceived, and the response was very favorable. Jim C. reminded us that several Bingo veterans are retiring, and there will be an effort to involve St. Christopher School parents. Bingo is currently making good money.

There will be no business meeting on June 16, when we welcome newly-elected council members.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Anita Thompson, Council Secretary