

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Present were Fr. Paul Shikany, Fr. Matt Tucci, Anne Wilmes, Margaret Bauer, Mike Clouse, Dave Ciechanowicz, Jim Csenar, Jim McMechan, Anita Thompson, and Vicki Murphy.

Absent were Dan Krodel, Bill Szolek-VanValkenberg, Pat Tutsie, and Anne Thompson.

Chair Anne W. called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Mike C. led the council in an opening prayer. Margaret B. will bring a prayer to the January, 2017 meeting.

The minutes from the October meeting were accepted as amended and will be forwarded to the office to be put on the website.

Staff/Ministry Reports:

Fr. Paul reported the new kneelers will be installed December 20-22. New coolers were purchased for the kitchen and new lights were installed in the gym. There are 36 candidates enrolled for confirmation and 50 for First Reconciliation. \$40,000 has been contributed to date to the United Catholic Appeal. This is almost 1/3 towards the parish's goal of \$128,000. The Timothy Schmalz visit went well on November 11. The school children listened to a short presentation which was followed by a Q and A session. Afterwards a small group of adults attended a reception in Damascus. Questions are being asked as to which causes merited 2nd collection consideration. Fr. Paul said almost all of the 2nd collections are mandated by the archdiocese with the exceptions for Little Sisters of the Poor and St. Meinrad. There have been more and more requests for funerals to be held at St. Chris from former members of Holy Trinity.

Fr. Matt has started training four new servers and additional training sessions will be held whenever the need occurs. Attendance with Pizza with the Pastor has been good. A December gathering is TBD. Fr. Matt made Christmas cards for the auction and are for sale.

Financial report was presented by Jim McM who reported collections to be up 7.4% over this period last year. Mary Blake was asked by Jim for her opinion for this significant increase to which Mary thought that on-line giving was a factor as was an overall satisfaction with the pastoral staff. Fr. Paul expressed some concern with Christmas and New Year's falling on Sundays that parishioners may choose between their weekly and/or a holy day contribution.

Committee Reports:

CITS: Vicki, in Dan's place, passed out St. Anthony's schedule of events for the Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities. Vicki will work with Tina to either print the schedule in the bulletin or as an insert. Other upcoming events included an Annulment workshop, reading books on discipleship, Lenten activities, and a West Deanery server party.

Campus Security: Mike reported on the last session of the Interfaith Emergency and Preparedness Workshop. Earlier that day he met with IMPD Homeland Security staff on their "Digital Sandbox" app

which shows a video of entrances, exits, and other key areas on campus in case of an emergency. This set of videos was done in 2013 when parish staff participated in Active Shooter training. Mike and Pat are working with Homeland Security to schedule an assessment and to determine if more of the campus added to the video.

Master Plan:

There are some delays in continuing with parts of the Master Plan due to Cardinal Tobin's upcoming departure. Once an archdiocesan administrator is named, the parish could appeal to him to allow us to continue with plans already in the works.

Old Business:

Council Committee assignments were finalized and distributed.

Fr. Paul re-enforced his desire for contact or questions to staff and ministries to continue going through him. While he does not see the need for ministry leaders or staff to regularly attend council meetings any concerns can be directed to him to get the answers or request staff to respond as the council's role remains as an advisory group to the pastoral staff.

We will continue to have brief summaries of our meeting announced at Mass.

New Business:

Dave suggested consideration be given to adding automatic door openers on the church's men's and women's restrooms to assist wheelchair bound and otherwise handicapped parishioners and visitors alike.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm on the motion by Margaret seconded by Fr. Matt. Mike led the council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Csenar, Council Secretary