

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2016

Present were Fr. Paul Shikany, Dave Ciechanowicz, Jim Csenar, Vicki Murphy, Pat Tutsie, Mike Clouse, Margaret Bauer, Anita Thompson, Anne Thompson, Bill Szolek-VanValkenburg and Anne Wilmes.

Absent were Fr. Matt Tucci and Jim McMechan.

Chair Anne W. called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Dave presented the Romero Prayer to the council. Mike volunteered to bring a prayer for the November meeting.

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved as edited and will be forwarded to the office to be put on the website.

Staff/Ministry Reports

Fr. Paul reported that Trunk or Treat will be held in the parking lot on October 29. November 19 will be the Christmas Auction. Tom Steiner has begun surveying the parish rolls looking to identify teenagers not currently engaged in the parish to invite them to a Youth Ministry meeting.

Bill SVV reported that the Canadian sculptor Timothy Schmalz will be visiting the campus on November 11 as part of a three day visit to Indianapolis in conjunction with Robert Parks UMC at 401 N. Delaware Street. The visit is tentatively scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Plans are to provide coffee and donuts. Cardinal Ritter art students and St. Anthony's parish will be issued an invitation.

Fr. Paul presented the financial report in Jim Mc's absence. Revenues from Sunday collections are up 8% over last year at this same time. There are 119 families now signed up for online giving. On line contributions for September totaled \$11,338.66. Revenues from festival and weekly bingo are significantly up over last year.

Committee Reports

Dan reported that Saints in the Streets went well and that a lot of good work was done by the various groups and individuals who participated. The Our Lady of Guadalupe procession will be held December 11 in the evening prior to the Holy Day.

Pat and Mike reported on their attending the second of the three Interfaith Emergency & Security Preparedness Workshops sponsored by Congressman Carson's office. The third and final session will be held this coming Monday on the topic Race Relations. Before any plan addressing campus security can be developed an assessment is needed. It was suggested that such an assessment be conducted around the first of the year after the

holidays. Pat will reach out to some of her resources in the community for guidance and assistance.

Old Business

The Master Plan is progressing. Council Committee assignments will be handed out at next month's meeting. There will be no December meeting and the April 20 meeting will be switched to April 6 to avoid a conflict with Confirmation. Fr. John from St. Anthony's has suggested the two parish councils and the Connected in the Spirit Team participate in a joint activity of duck pin bowling in Fountain Square.

There was a discussion on spiritual enrichment activities. The consensus seemed to be to start small with only a couple hours of investment and avoid conflicting with other retreats. The key element in participating in such activities is to get to know ourselves better so that we can better serve the parish community.

A discussion for Soup and Sandwich dinners during Lent revealed there are already receptions after the Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Holy Saturday services.

Announcements

Anne W. announced that the Executive Committee will start meeting to discuss among other things receiving updates from parish ministries.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was moved by Vicki and seconded by Pat. Dave led the group in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Csenar, Council Secretary