

SAINT CHRISTOPHER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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

Absent were Dan Krodel, Bill Szolek-VanValkenburg, and Anne Wilmes

Vice Chair Anne T. called the meeting to order at 7 PM then proceeded to lead the council in a prayer titled "The Spirit of God Fills the World". Dave volunteered to present the October meeting prayer.

Cory Winters, representing the Friday Night Bingo workers, presented a brief overview of where bingo is at the present, and what is needed in the future. There are between 9-11 regular weekly volunteers including game callers and floor monitors who sell pull tabs. More help is needed and would be welcomed. Any and all additional help would be greatly appreciated. There will be a change in our soft drink distributor which will drive the need for the parish to purchase our own coolers. There were concerns mentioned that, while the parking lot is lit, players and workers alike would appreciate if brighter bulbs could be installed. Steve Q. will be brought into that discussion. Fr. Paul made the point that Cory is doing a fine job and how much he appreciated Cory for stepping forward when there became a void in leadership for this ministry this past year.

The minutes from the August meeting were accepted as presented on a motion by Pat and seconded by Vicki.

Pastors' Report

Fr. Paul reported that RCIA classes started on 9/15 and it appears to be another good group. Thanks were extended to everyone who worked at the Ministry Fair. 2017 Festival planning has already begun. The process of replacing kneeler padding and book racks will begin soon. Fr. Matt reported that the next Pizza with the Pastor will be on October 3. The Advent penance service is scheduled for December 14 at St. Anthony's and planning for the Cardinal Ritter HS Senior retreat has begun. There has been a positive initial response from Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion to our parishioner's in area hospitals in non-critical condition. Fr. Matt is planning a server rededication/training program. 5th graders are still the target group to begin serving, but it is hoped Fr. Matt's program would encourage some of the older servers to choose to continue in this ministry throughout their high school years.

Jim M. reported that while recent collections have minimally declined in line with the end of the summer vacation season last year, total collections for the year are way up. A question was raised as to the success of the 50/50 program and what funds have been generated. On the average the parish takes in \$1000 on a weekly basis. It was reiterated

these funds are earmarked for capital improvements as are the proceeds from Festival and weekly bingo. When a council member is approached with questions regarding finances the inquiring parishioner should be referred to Mary in the office.

Committee Reports

Vicki presented the CITS report in Dan's absence. The Memorial Mass is set for 9/17, St. Anthony's 125th Anniversary celebration will be held 9/24. Assistance was requested to help in serving the food. Saints in the Streets is set for 10/1.

Another meeting is scheduled with the architects on the Master Plan.

Pat and Mike reported on the meeting they attended through Congressman Carson's office regarding Campus Security. There are 2 more meetings scheduled. The next meeting's agenda will be on Awareness. The third session will address race relations and law enforcement.

Old Business

Committee preference forms were distributed and filled out at the meeting. Anne T. gathered them up to share with Anne W.

A question was raised on the councils' thoughts on spiritual enrichment gatherings. Further discussion on that issue was tabled to October's meeting.

19 parishioners at the Ministry Fair left interest forms which were collected to be shared with the various committees.

New Business

The council's April meeting will conflict with confirmation. Rescheduling this meeting was tabled to discuss at the next council meeting.

Is there interest in a joint meeting with the council and St. Anthony's lay and clerical leadership? The CITS committee will spearhead an effort if there is interest.

There were no announcements and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm on the motion by Margaret seconded by Pat.

Next meeting will be on October 20 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Csenar, Council Secretary