

St. Christopher Catholic Church

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017

1 Call to Order

- 1.1 Margaret Bauer, Chairperson, called to order the Regular Meeting of the St. Christopher Pastoral Council at 7:00 pm EDT on November 16, 2017 in the Bethany Room.
- 1.2 The following persons were present: Margaret Bauer, David Ciechanowicz, Mike Clouse, Jim Csenar, Tom Edwards, Jim McMechan, Vicki Murphy, Mary Ann O'Neal, Fr. Paul Shikany, Anne Thompson and Betsy Weddle. Sr. Mary Ann DeFazio was a guest speaker.

2 Opening Prayer

- 2.1 Betsy Weddle led the group in an opening prayer.

3 Prayer Volunteer for Next Meeting

- 3.1 Vicki Murphy volunteered to lead the opening and closing prayers in January.
- 3.2 Mike Clouse volunteered to lead the opening and closing prayers in February.

4 Acceptance of Minutes

- 4.1 Tom Edwards distributed an electronic copy of the October meeting minutes via e-mail prior to this meeting, and distributed hard copies at the meeting. Mike Clouse motioned to approve the October minutes; Anne Thompson seconded; all in favor; no nay votes; no abstentions.

5 Staff/Ministry Reports

- 5.1 Pastors' Report
 - 5.1.1 Fr. Paul Shikany
 - 5.1.1.1 Door numbering is underway. When complete, this information will be used in the Campus Emergency Response Plan.
 - 5.1.1.2 Regarding the Steeple, Arsee Engineers studied the steeple and provided a thorough report of the current condition. Building & Grounds Committee received three bids for repairing or replacing the steeple.
 - 5.1.1.3 Fr. Matt is currently attending NCYC in Indianapolis.
 - 5.1.1.4 In response to a report presented at previous meeting, Anne Thompson asked Fr. Paul for his thoughts and input on the numbers for CCD and school attendance. Fr. Paul attributes the changes in attendance to the changing demographics and aging parish. He's not sure yet how to encourage more involvement.
 - 5.1.1.4.1 Mary Ann O'Neal suggested the utilization of volunteers to start a grass roots effort with neighborhood call-outs. Fr. Paul's concern is that 70% of the Parish's population is from outside the Parish Boundaries, and is very widespread.
- 5.2 Financial Report
 - 5.2.1 Jim McMechan
 - 5.2.1.1 Through November 12, income is down 1.1% compared to same time last year.
 - 5.2.1.2 Anticipated spike in collections through holidays, based on history.

- 5.2.1.3 Some of the shortfalls are attributed to the second collections for missions and hurricane relief.

6 Committee Reports

- 6.1 None

7 Old Business

- 7.1 Steeple

- 7.1.1 Addressed in Pastor's Report.

- 7.2 Master Plan

- 7.2.1 Continuing to pursue options of additional land acquisition.

- 7.3 Mass Schedule

- 7.3.1 Council discussed potential new mass schedules in the event of the loss of one of our Priests. No action will be taken until assignments are announced this summer.

8 New Business

- 8.1 Pictorial Directory Update

- 8.1.1 Sr. Mary Ann DeFazio

- 8.1.1.1 Scheduled to meet with Life Touch (directory photographer) after Thanksgiving to discuss progress of the Church Directory.

- 8.1.1.2 Tina is working to finalize names and photos.

- 8.1.1.3 The Directory takes three weeks to produce once final proof has been approved.

- 8.1.1.4 Sr. Mary Ann created a "Word Cloud" as a unique visual aide to include in the Directory. Cloud was created based on responses from about 100 Parishioners in their 30s and 40s. Mary Ann O'Neal asked that Youth Ministry be included.

- 8.1.2 Hopeful that Directory will be ready in January or February.

9 Announcements

- 9.1 Speedway Town Manager will attend the next Parish Council meeting to respond to questions regarding real estate acquisition, zoning, and anything else regarding the Master Plan and how it relates to the Town's plans.

10 Closing Prayer

- 10.1 Betsy Weddle led the group in a closing prayer.

11 Adjournment

- 11.1 Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm EDT

12 Next Meeting: January 18, 2018 @ 7:00 pm EDT

Prepared By: Tom Edwards

Approved On: 01/18/2018

Vice-Chairperson: X David Ciechanowicz