**St. Martin of Tours Parish**

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: January 23rd, 2019 – Weinhart Room**

**Mission Statement**

“St. Martin of Tours is a vibrant, welcoming, Roman Catholic Community, accepting the call and challenge of Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.  We commit ourselves to the Word of God through Eucharistic worship, lifelong Catholic education and formation, and works of justice and stewardship.  Following the example of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, we proclaim the kingdom of God through our generosity, love and service to one another and our neighbors.”

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| Members | Present (Y /N ) | Members | Present (Y /N ) |
| Fr. Terry Langley, SCJ (Pastor-ex officio) | Y | Patti Pluta (School) | N |
| Bernie Farrell (Chairperson) | Y | Tom Van Handel  (Worship) | Y |
| Ken Keefer (Vice-Chairperson)  (APC Rep.) | Y | Beth Rydeski (Finance) (Christian Formation) | N |
| Char Goehring (Secretary)  (Human Concerns) | Y | John Howard(Finance) | Y |
| Paul Rotzenberg  (Stewardship) | N | Dn. Chuck Schneider (ex officio) | Y |
| Tri Le – Vietnamese Rep | N | Dave Flynn (Trustee ex officio) | Y |
| Fr. Joseph Quang Tran, SCJ (Associate Pastor ex officio) | Y | Bob Mihm (Trustee ex officio) | Y |

**Opening Prayer:** Bernie Farrell

**Guests Present:** Mr. Pat Boyer

**Parish Community Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of Dec. 5th 2018 meeting approved by Bob Mihm and seconded by Tom Van Handel.

**Pastor’s Report:** Fr. Terry suggested that the Parish Mission Statement be reviewed and updated. Bernie will place this on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

**Finance Committee Update:**

* December 2018 Financial Reports and comments were reviewed.

Presentation on Flocknote (a modern way to connect with the parish).

* Pat Boyer gave a presentation on Flocknote and suggested that this is a good way to increase communication with parish committees and groups. He has volunteered to help introduce this to the parish committees and parishioners. A motion was made and carried to fund this for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending in June) and re-evaluate at that time.

Spring Fundraiser Etc.:

* Beth Rydeski was unable to attend this meeting so this item will be postponed to the February meeting.

2019 Parish Councils Congress:

* Council discussed changes to Norms and inform preferences and voted on the changes being proposed. Bernie Farrell, John Howard and Bob Mihm will be attending.

Discussion on Where is Faith in the Secular World?

* Council to Discuss – this was postponed to a future meeting.

**Parish Committee Reports:**

* Committee Liaisons – this was postponed to a future meeting.

**Upate on Immigration Program:**

* Bernie Farrell advises that Mark Peters, the Director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation for The Priests of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province is putting a program together that will present both sides of the issue. It will be a 3 part program presented by 1) Barbara Graham an Immigration Attorney who will present insight on the Law and Enforcement, 2) Bryan Steiles an Immigration Officer who will present the other side and what’s wrong with Immigration and 3) small group discussion.

**Projects**

* Sound System update – Deacon Chuck Schneider met with Metro Sound System and they have been retained for the job. The installation is currently scheduled to take place the week of Feb 4th.

**Closing:** meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. A motion was made by John Howard and seconded by Ken Keefer.

**Our Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Feb 27th @ 7:00 in the Weinhart Room

**Respectfully Submitted: Char Goehring**