

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson: Christy Rosenberger

Secretary/ Minutes: Mike Szocs

Date/Time: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Grellinger Hall

Participants: Joanne Brandtjen, Stephanie Fong, Anna Grzeszczak Debbie Hanfler, Mike Hausman, Helena Keeley, Cindy Klopp, Kathy Korn, Mic Pietrykowski, Christy Rosenberger, Dale Servais, Mike Szocs, John Schueller

Excused: Father Chuck, Father Joe

Guest(s):

Item	Discussion	Next Steps & Responsible Party
Prayer	The meeting began on time with a prayer.	
Introductions		
Minutes	The minutes of the October meeting were approved.	
Father's /Trustees Update	None	
Council Items	<p>Youth and Young Adult (Anna)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 youth went to MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary • November 21st is the NCYC in Indianapolis. On Sunday, 28,000 will attend Mass • Confirmation group working thru Echo and Confirmation liturgy <p>Lifelong Faith Formation (Cindy/Stephanie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to get more people on the LFFC • Trying to increase the student #s by being more public with what groups are doing (bulletin etc.) • Our relationship with St. Anthony regarding Mission Trips has changed. QOA would only be included at some future date if St. Anthony cannot fill their bus. QOA will continue to offer local trips thru Reach Out/Reach In and San Damiano Encounter. If there is interest, QOA will gather folks to plan an out-of-state Mission Trip. PR has gone out. • College-age Care Packages in the works with Advent materials and snacks. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study finishes November 20th. The Bible Timeline will run from January to April and Sept to Nov on Wed. mornings and (hopefully) Thursday evenings. • Reviewing the Strategic Plan, leading into goal setting. Working on a template that could be used by other Commissions to show the goals for 2019-2020 year. • Arch is asking all parishes to participate in the “Called to More” planning process including the Disciples Maker Index. The DMI is a survey to be completed by all parishioners in Lent 2020. • Children’s Liturgy of the Word pilot program is underway one Sunday a month. Needs more volunteers. Grant Thekan has stepped forward to join Lisa Hoeck. • Mic and Dale attended Deanery meeting and heard about what is out there in other parishes. Mic will followup. • Discussion about Amazon Smile program at QOA. It was recommended that this program needs a push/education to the parish. <p>Finance (Helena / Dale) (Oct. 2019 Numbers)</p> <p>Balance Sheet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash decreased \$55,000 for the month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary payment was the second \$45,000 payment due to Dillett for the two HVAC's. <p>Income Statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The largest savings for the month and year-to-date is in Building & Grounds. The parking lot repair will be a project scheduled in the spring. • The total year-to-date expense amount is under budget by \$36,100. • Revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,400 short of budget. • Net Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net Income year-to-date is favorable to budget by \$46,000. <p style="text-align: center;">Cemetery Update – OCT. 2019</p> <p>Metrics:</p>	

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	Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:			
		TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
	[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
	January, 2019	1	1	0
	February, 2019	0	0	0
	March, 2019	0	0	0
	April, 2019	4	4	0
	May, 2019	1	0	1
	June, 2019	2	2	0
	July, 2019	1	1	0
	August, 2019	2	2	0
	September, 2019	0	0	0
	October, 2019	0	0	0
	2019 Totals	11	10	1
	Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:			
		Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)		
	January, 2019	2		
	February, 2019	0		
	March, 2019	2		
	April, 2019	0		
	May, 2019	6		
	June, 2019	3		
	July, 2019	1		
	August, 2019	1		
	September, 2019	0		
	October, 2019	0		

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	2019 Totals	15	
	<p>Update: Reference – Tombstones needing repair.</p> <p>No Update – There likely won't be work done on the tombstones for a while due to the rainy weather, and winter coming.</p> <p>Did you know?</p> <p>While visiting a cemetery you may find a verse or saying inscribed on a gravestone. What is this called?</p> <p>Answer: Epitaph (pronounced "Epataf")</p> <p><i>Definition - A phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.</i></p> <p>Epitaphs in Colonial America were usually used to give a warning about the certainty of death - not comfort. An example would be, "As you are now - once was I. As I am now, so you shall be..."</p> <p>As attitudes toward death changed, epitaphs changed to convey feelings of grief and/or hope.</p> <p>Human Concerns (Debbie)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting • Mike, Debbie, Gerry and John met to review Strategic Plan. See Strategic Plan notes. • Debbie continues to support Rosary efforts in nursing homes. 		

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	<p>Prayer and Worship (Kathy K.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving Trees set up, one with cards, one with items • Kathy expressed concern about gift cards being taken. • November 29th will be Christmas set up. Confirmation students will be helping. • As we have in the past, families will be asked to light the Advent candles • Christmas Eve Masses are 4 & 10 • Christmas Day is 8 am and 10:30 am. • New Years Eve 4:00 pm • New Years Day 9:00 am • John and Kathy were going to invite Brian to come and have a conversation about music and worship items. <p>Stewardship / Volunteerism (Joanne)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New commitment forms for some commissions were brought to the appropriate liaisons to bring to commission chairs • Reminder card going out to those who haven't return theirs • Thank you's going out as cards have been turned in. • John will check if new parishioners will automatically be included in email blasts if they provide their email address. <p>Strategic Plan (Mike S.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Productive meeting with HC • Action item to consider working with sister parishes in the community to create a synergistic approach to identification of facilities in need of outreach has been reformulated to read: "Identify and contact new facilities that might be in need of outreach", Goal of Quarter 2, 2020. <p>2 other goals are action items concerning the recruitment of young adult volunteers to participate in outreach programs. Dates were left as it.</p>	
<p>Ongoing Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on Leadership Workshop <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We agreed to sent Christy our liaison report Sunday before our PC meeting so she can send them out to the whole group before our meeting 2. Budget period – as liaisons we need to understand that the budget is turned in in March. Preliminary numbers need to be done by end of January. At your next commission meeting, please bring this up to your commissions. • Deanery meeting- 14 parishes are in the deanery. 8 were represented. We hear what is going on in other parishes. The Disciple Maker Index was brought up. St. Charles in Hartland is bringing in people from other churches in Hartland and feeding them. St. Bruno is doing a commitment ceremony where everyone 	

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	commits to the church.	
New Items		
Next Meeting Agenda Items	Next meeting is Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Grellinger Hall.	Prayer Leader will be Mic.
Closing Prayer	The meeting ended with a prayer.	