**St. Anthony’s Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

***Minutes subject to review and change until approved***

Members present: Father Bill Skarich (365-4017), Deacon Rick Moravitz (365-6249), Deacon Don Klick (365-6144), Vincent Dodge (343-4073), Polly Anderson (235-7548), Julie Vanderbeek (218-235-8188), Sheri Dochat (365-2965), Ruth Lah (235-9691), Angie Kucera

Members absent: Julie Hogan (365-3183), Pat Koski

1. Opening prayer: The First 15.
2. Motion by Julie to approve minutes for November 20, 2018 meeting. Father Bill approved.
3. Commission Reports:
	1. Religious Education: Angie talked about the monthly classes for elementary students that have been focusing on both the children and parents. The count is 24 elementary families participating. Middle school religious education on Wednesday nights has been an enthusiastic group. High school students are participating in small group work. First Communion is on May 19th and Confirmation will be in Tower on May 11th with three young men from our parish attending. Totus Tuus and Camp Survive are planned events that the parish will participate in this summer.
	2. Liturgy: Preparations for the Season of Lent ongoing. Father Bill will add more reconciliation times during the latter part of Lent. A 9 am Saturday Mass is planned to be added to the daily Mass schedule. The Children’s Choir will be performing on March 31st.
	3. Social Concerns: Deacon Rick discussed the support group for widows/widowers. Also discussed was the Star of the North Maternity Home. More information can be found online at [www.togetherforlifenorthland.org](http://www.togetherforlifenorthland.org). Donations may be made online or by mail with checks made payable to **Together For Life Northland** located at:

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* 1. Communications: No report
	2. Evangelization: Deacon Don has been organizing an Evangelization Retreat for September 20-22 in Longville, MN. Five have agreed to attend so far.
1. Old Business:
	1. CCF Update: Father Bill mentioned that the program has been helpful for the community. Heidi has been extremely busy. Sheri added that the reception by the community has been very positive. Sheri also said that there is a trap that Heidi needs to avoid and that is in trying to do too much all by herself. One person cannot fulfill all the urgent needs in the community. Delegation of responsibilities is necessary to sustain the program. Deacon Don mentioned how utilizing our own individual charisms in helping to perform this function can make it more fulfilling.
	2. Minute Approval/Distribution Streamlining: In the November meeting, Pat Koski was asked to see what the proper procedure would be to expedite the approval of minutes. Vince will follow up with Pat with an e-mail asking her for her thoughts on the matter and then share these thoughts with the council.
2. New Business:
	1. Other: Deacon Rick presented a list of house blessings and mentioned how popular the program has been.
3. Father’s Time:
	1. Priest Picture Discussion: After a heartfelt discussion about accountability, compassion, and forgiveness, the group unanimously agreed that it was in the best interest of our parish to take down the picture to avoid causing emotional trauma to anyone who may be affected.

1. Next Meeting: May 7, 2019
2. Motion to close by Father Bill and seconded by Julie Vanderbeek. Closed with prayer.
3. Addendum:
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