

NOTICE: The following Pastoral Council minutes are not the final official minutes. The following minutes will be reviewed, amended (if needed) and approved at the March Pastoral Council meeting

Combined Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017 All Saints Church

Present: Julie Rhoda, Tim Spitzley, Chad Knudson, Leonard Skillings, Krista Bernander, Keith Gadacz, Melody Smith, Elaine Sauer, Joe Ewald, Mary Lou Moudry, Ellen Cherne and Fr. Tony.

Absent: Kathy Binsfield, Michelle Oie, Dorothy Priebe, and Micki Peterson.

The Combined meeting of St. Francis and All Saints Pastoral Councils was called to order at 7:00pm by Melody Smith. Fr. Tony led the group in prayer.

ELECTIONS: Fr. Tony addressed the upcoming council elections in March. After last meeting, Ellen sent out terms of current council members. Father discussed the process. We are to assume all current members are in their first term. St Francis needs to elect one new member. All Saints needs to elect two new members and Fr. Tony will appoint another (to fill Lee Casey's position) after elections. AS has two nominations so far: Mary Kalinoski and Dana Schiller. Nominations and bios must be sent to Fr. Tony by noon on Friday, February 17th so they can be included in the bulletin the 1st and 2nd Sundays in March. Elections will follow on the 3rd Sunday.

EVANGELIZATION: Father reported on the new magazine, *Lakes Catholic Magazine*, which came out this past week. He and Fr. Daniel Weiske talked about the need for someone to do proofing before the next issue is printed. Several errors/typos were found in the first issue. People were asking about the little church on the cover, it was the Chapel at Crow Wing State Park. Everyone at the meeting liked it and thought it was beautifully done. About 2100 were sent out to registered parishioners from the four parishes in the Brainerd area. Follow-up will be done to see if extras can be obtained to be given out to new parishioners. In connection with that, we will need to know how often the mailing list will be updated.

The Called and Gifted Program on January 27 & 28 had about 200 in attendance. The 90 or so "personal inventory results interview" times were all taken by mid-day Saturday. More will be available in the future.

LITURGY: Len Skillings reported the commission has been discussing preparations for 40 Hours. He was missing March's meeting because it was the same time as our meeting. Father added that the Lenten schedule would be the same except for possibly the Easter Vigil, which cannot start until after sunset. He and Fr. Daniel will discuss – the Vigil will probably be at 8:30pm this year.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing to report. Both parishes have a surplus in their stewardship budget.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Have not met lately. Next meeting will be in March.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER: Melody met with the committee headed by Angie Gadarz and Edna Sobania. The date of the event will be March 25th. Everything is moving smoothly. This year St. Andrew

and St. Mathias will be taking part but their groups will be separate from SF and AS. It was suggested that the event should be advertised in the new magazine, *Lakes Catholic Magazine*. Everyone needs to recruit people. All are welcome. Any special requests – allergies, children/no children, etc. are all worked into the process.

BUS FOR SENIOR APARTMENTS: Last meeting Father brought up the idea of providing transportation to Sunday Mass for people in senior residences. Tim Spitzley offered to look into it. He reported that the most cost effective way would be to use the city buses but that is not possible. His old parish had their own bus. Father Tony does not want to go in that direction – cost of purchase, upkeep, insurance, etc. Father thought it might work if we could partner with an established group like Northern Lights. Tim said caregivers liked the idea. He will continue to look into it. It was noted that currently Edgewood Vista, Northern Lakes, and Excelsior Place have a Communion Service or Mass each week. At 7:30pm, the group split into separate councils.