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# Leadership Night Report

## Our Sacred Purpose

*Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.*

## Vision

*Build with the Mercy of the Father*

### Pastoral Council (10/25/2018)

**Present:** Fr. Andrzej Wyrstek, Cathleen Denekamp, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Erik Haakedahl, Lorinda Collings, John Gehlsen, Brad Blauvelt, Joni Osnes, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with a prayer. Information from the October 11 and 26, 2018 leadership nights was reviewed. It was noted that social justice did not meet during this time period and that a meeting of the discipleship commission is in the process of being scheduled.

The building and maintenance committee will have a meeting on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at which they will discuss the following: The boiler project revealed the liner of the chimney needs to be replaced, it has been patched until the replacement can take place. There is brick fall off of the back of the church. The rectory needs to have the basement finished and the exterior painted. Dimmers and motion lights will be placed in and around the church. The garage will be converted to usable meeting space. It was determined we will take the old water heater to ReStore. It was mentioned for the building committee to review whether heat mats on a timer would work for the front doors of the church; the current snow melt system has a leak and no longer works.

The first quarter financial reports are in and note the contingency fund contains \$77,361.18. There is a total liabilities and fund balance of \$1,022,484.47. At the close of quarter one we are \$4,139.71 under budget. The Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin next weekend with an in pew pledge on November 17-18. The Capital Campaign, Living the Mission, will begin for parishes including OLBH. The campaign will start with a silent phase with a general appeal in pew after Christmas. Our goal is \$525,000 over five years. Once the goal is met, the parish will receive 20% back and anything over \$525,000 will be returned to the parish at 60%. The funds returned will be directed to the building fund to begin saving for an expansion project. It was noted this will put the parish approximately 4-6 years from its own capital campaign. Thus, there may be projects addressed in the meantime such as converting from septic (our system is 40-50 years old) to sewer; this may be accomplished in part through the contingency fund. The administration commission will work toward a needs and cost assessment for the conversion.

During open forum it was noted we need to consider having volunteers to run the lift during events such as funerals as well as directions placed in the lift. All agreed. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

### Evangelization Commission (10/16/2018)

**Present:** Jean Hohm, Eileen Desmond, Jane Abernathy, Stacy Tate and Joni Osnes

**Absent:** Audra West

Group met to gather materials and put together care packages to 5 young adults who graduated from high school in May, 2018 and two service members of our church. This was done to reach out to groups of our parish family who might need encouragement. The boxes had blessed salt, rosaries, chocolate chip cookies, a letter from the commission, a bag of popcorn, Advent resources and were prayed over by the members and mailed.

The group discussed the need to reach out to our senior parish members. We decided we would host a lunch and time for reflection for this group of parishioners in January. The plans for this event will be part of the agenda for our next meeting on Leadership night, November 8, 2018.

### Stewardship Council (10/16/18)

**Present:** Deacon John Osnes, Dr. John Usera, Andrew Boyd, Pam Freeman, John Kersteins, Kodi Carlin

**Absent:** Amanda Gottlob, Matt Gottlob

The Stewardship Council met to discuss the feedback received on the two self-assessments from the Diocesan Office of Stewardship. We noted that the feedback showed interest in updating the parish website, which has been completed. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages in adding a youth member (high school through college) to the council. The members of the council agreed to publish an announcement in the bulletin seeking new youth members, before we approach anyone to join. There was also note of following up with new parishioners, which is also done with the gift baskets and social dinners with Fr. Andrzej to the parish. The topic of organizing a Stewardship Fair was deeply discussed and the council will present ideas to the other commissions in November on leadership night.

**Administration Commission (10/11/2018)**

**Present:** Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Abby Philbrick, Erik Haakedahl, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood

**Absent:** Aaron Johnson, Audrey Montileaux, LaChel McCollar

The Master Facility Plan was reviewed. It was determined that Erik would walk through the plan and update model and serial numbers for the new appliances etc. that have been recently installed. The boiler project is nearing completion. New venting is needed to line the chimney. The water heater is in and awaiting an electrician next week. It was discussed that all goals have been met or are no longer in play and going forward we need to focus on gutters for the rectory, finishing of the rectory basement, conversion of the garage into meeting/classroom space, attention to the floor in St. Joseph's Hall, and a half wall installed around the boiler and water heater to prevent items from being stored next to them. There was discussion of the Diocesan Capital Campaign with an estimated goal of \$525k over five years. The next meeting will consist of addressing new goals based on new priorities previously discussed.

**Worship Commission (10/11/2018)**

**Present:** Brad Blauvelt, Todd Phillipe, & Lorraine Ptacek

**Diocesan & Parish Pastoral Priority Plan on Reconciliation:** Implementation of witness talk before masses during Advent-going forward, pick some dates; prior to next month's meeting, line them up-Brad to help.

**Goal: Increase participation in Adoration:** As discussed at last meeting, Litanies were listed/emailed as possibilities to use/provide during Adoration. Action moving forward: pick some dates; Another thought was singing the Litany of the Saints on Oct. 31st-ask some of the Music Ministers to come.

**Goal: Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies:** Knights will continue leading the rosary before Sat. 5pm, Sunday 8am, and after 11am masses. Lorraine is moving ahead on a once-a-month Kids' Ministry initiative at the 11am on the last Sunday of the month. Practice for Kids' Music Ministry is at 9:15-9:45am on Sundays. The first Kids' Ministry at mass will be on Oct. 28th at 11am, including Youth Greeters, Lectors, Gift Bearers (scheduled and overseen by Katie) and Youth Music Ministers.

(\*NOTE: The Goals we are working on are "Traditions we're trying to implement in the Parish.")

**History of the Church Brochure:** Brad was waiting for the altar to be finished to add to the Brochure. He will proceed without the altar finishing as a 'First Edition,' and then add that later.

**Holy Day Mass Time Change:** The change to an earlier time was discussed-6pm was suggested.