

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, Kim Fluet, Michael Goonan, Karl Hamann, Noah Lucia, Craig Rand, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Rose Volker, Diane Yacoby, Michael Bausch, Martha Jodoin, Gary Volker and Sally Howard.

1. Following Advent Evening Prayer Craig called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the October meeting were approved.
4. Craig thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
5. Building for the Future Planning Process

The Communications talk was well received. John is developing symbols for each ministry.

Diane Carroll-Yacoby distributed copies of the presentation she will give to the parish on January 12 and 13.

We are currently \$30,000 behind in our budget. Forty-eight percent of parishioners have no accounted contribution to our parish. Comments included that we are the church. Not all CYO participants go to church. Some families come only for CYO, funerals, and sacraments. We need to let them know that we need their help. In letter ask if they have needs we haven't met and state what programs we do have.

6. No comments were made by the parishioners attending at this time.
7. Pastor's Remarks – Fr. Mike stated that last year at this time our CMA was at 84%. Today it is at 70%. There have been law firm ads in the paper about abuse in the church. The cover-up of abuse by other dioceses needs to be addressed. Members commented that at the Christmas masses we should acknowledge challenges and it is time for us to move forward. Roger DeBell, Jody's husband, will be ordained a deacon at the end of May.
8. Rose Volker spoke about her role. She said that she is there to support us. She was thanked for all the work she does.

9. MINISTRY UPDATE

LITURGY -Thanksgiving Mass was well attended. Advent theme is "Waiting in Joyful Hope". Advent booklets for personal reflection continue to be available in the Gathering Area. Advent Evening Candlelight Prayer was well attended last Monday and will be offered December 10 and 17. Our appreciation to Pat Valley who kindly offered a wonderful presentation/invitation this past weekend at all masses to join us for Advent Prayer as a time to slow down and appreciate the stillness, song and candlelight on these evenings in anticipation of Jesus birth. Christmas masses are scheduled and liturgical ministry sign-up is taking place. Our thanks in advance to all who will be sure to make our liturgies beautiful, warm and welcoming. Mass of the Solemnity of Mary our Mother/New Year's Day is on January 1 at 10 a.m. There is ongoing need/recruitment of greeters, acolytes, lectors, and Ministers of Communion. Always an open invitation to you and your friends.

PASTORAL- Our appreciation to Sue Wallace and the wonderful choirs who offered us a beautiful Christmas Concert on Dec. 2. Thanks to the Social Events Committee (Kevin/Sarah Pickhardt, Allison DiMarco, Karl/Diana Hamann and Rick/Nancy Wahl) and Bob Hutchins for their warm hospitality in greeting and offering the intermission warm coffee and cider as well as delicious cookie treats. Over 250 attended. At this date, our Christmas Basket Program registration are at 190 baskets. There is an expectation of a few more before Dec. 24. 119 have been generously sponsored by parish families and 71 will be sponsored by the parish through the generous financial/item donations and the kindness of many parishioners and non-parishioners who will donate their time in baking, shopping, preparation, wrapping and delivering. We are very blessed at this parish in the outpouring of love for the poor.

OTHER ACTIVITIES - include Ministries of Baptism Preparation, Bereavement, Christmas Baskets, Cloverwood and Highlands Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Spiritual Direction, Visitation, Wedding Coordination, Welcome Bread, Women's Bible Study, Women in the Spirit and sacramental preparation as requested.

FAITH AND FORMATION – Family Game Afternoon is planned for January 6. It will be promoted at Christmas Eve Masses by handing out "reindeer food" with an invitation attached to it. We have 28 second graders starting their preparation in January for First Communion in May. Annual Passion Walk-Through will be April 8th from 5 to 7 pm; the hope is this year to tie it into the Lenten Vespers. We are currently registering for our next session of Following Christ, which will run January to February and the third series, Sharing Christ, March to April. A Women's Retreat led by Ann Harnish will be held on January 26.

Youth Ministry: Search retreat will be March 1-3. Next month there will be an information meeting for NCYC 2019, which will be Nov. 20-24 in Indianapolis. Seventy young people will be confirmed on May 6 at Sacred Heart

Cathedral. Noah stated that the Christmas Concert was too long, especially with a confirmation meeting the same day. Several agreed it was too long. Less songs and maybe no intermission were suggested. Noah also asked if the church is replacing light bulbs with energy saving LED bulbs. It is very expensive to replace the fixtures in church to accommodate LED bulbs. Maybe we could have a fund raiser where people could be encouraged to adopt a light fixture/bulb. Finance Council will be contacted about this possibility.

10. Fr. Mike led the closing prayer. Next meeting will be January 28, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Jodoin