

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Craig Rand, Jody DeBell, Sue Gangemi, Lori Goorman, Karl Hamann, Shannon Kozarits, Mary Beth Sullivan, John Hennesey, Anne Gallagher, Fr. Michael Bausch and Martha Jodoin.

1. Fr. Mike led an opening prayer about Mardi Gras.
2. Introductions.
3. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.
4. Craig welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service on the council.
5. Open Forum – No one was in attendance to address the council.
6. Pastor's Remarks
 - Architectural drawings of the roofs will be finalized. The church roof will be totally new – around \$150 to \$160,000.
 - Temperature in church is kept to 65. People were complaining it was too warm when kept at 67.
 - The drainage project will be completed in the spring.
 - Tim Smith attends the 9:00 am mass. He is doing rehab.
 - CMA is \$13,000 short. If we don't get more donations money will need to come out of the budget.
 - Lent theme will be "Be Compassionate".
 - Finance Council meets Wed. We are still in the black. \$7,000 short on income but expenses are under by \$10,000.

7. Parish Assessment Input Sessions

John distributed a copy of all of the responses to all of the discussion questions from the sessions. We need to have four to five measurable goals. Around 100 people attended. How do we look at the responses? Active people came to the discussions. Where do we go from here? A steering committee could be formed around each objective. We could have responses to the four questions. At the end we could have visionary statements – those we cannot change but are not beyond our scope of hope. John will reorganize the responses by those with most votes, answers that can be grouped. John will contact us with a meeting date for those on council to review. Maybe we can narrow down responses and have people vote in the gathering area on their way out of church to get more people responding.

8. Anne Gallagher reported that Discovering Christ has 95 people attending from ages 22 to 80. There are a couple of non-parishioners attending.

Confirmation will be April 24. Sixty-five will be confirmed.

The Youth Groups are going well. Search Retreat will be coming up.

Joe Kelly will be doing a series in lent.

Damian's retreat was well attended.

The new Christian Education program is going well and has the same number of children participating as in the old program.

Margie Benza sent the following report.

LITURGY

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on 2/14/18 and Easter Sunday is 4/01/18. After the Liturgy sub-committee work and lengthy discussion within the general Liturgy Committee, the Lenten theme has been established as "Be Compassionate". Lenten Vespers take place on Mondays in Lent at 7pm with the exception of 3/5/18 (Tri-Parish Retreat). This year Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be included in the evening.

Fr. George Heyman, President of St. Bernard's and recent weekend presider will be joining us after Vespers on Monday, 3/12 for a presentation in this Year of the Eucharist, The Lord's Supper. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend.

Our annual Day of Penance takes place on 3/14/18 from 12:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Plans are underway for two "Teaching Masses" in April with presentations on the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

We have welcomed ten newly trained liturgical ministers as lectors, greeters and Ministers of Communion.

PASTORAL

Tim Smith continues to greet us at Mass on Sundays and works hard with ongoing therapy which offers him strength, courage, and hope through these months with hopes to return in the future.

Our Women in the Spirit group gathered on 2/5 for the final parish "Listening Session" which was attended by thirteen women and led by Martha Jodoin, Lori Goorman and John Hennessy. The March session will be delayed to 3/12 for the Lord's Supper presentation, which is inclusive of the parish.

Our Women's Bible Study continues on Tuesday afternoons with fifteen participants.

The Social Activities Committee presents and supports the first Irish Fish Fry Fest on Friday, 3/16 provided by Tom Wahl's and the Dave North Band from 6 to 10 pm with two meal seating times. Tickets go on sale for \$25 for three weekends starting 2/24-25.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Grief Share, Welcome Bread Ministry, Highlands, Cloverwood and Visitation Ministry, Baptism Prep, Bereavement, wedding coordination, and sacramental prep assistance as needed.

10. Fr. Mike led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Jodoin