

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 13, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Joey Campagna, Jody DeBell, Dave Donnelly, Gerry Gacioch, Maria Herrera, Shannon Kozarits, Craig Rand, G.A. Sheller, Jane Vallely, Lori Goorman, Meg Kastner, Fr. Michael Bausch and Martha Jodoin.

1. Fr. Mike led the opening prayer. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.
4. Craig welcomed everyone. He commented that the Sunday email updates are great. If parishioners are not getting it contact the Office to give them their email address. Congratulations to everyone for making our CMA goal.
5. No parishioners were in attendance to address the Council.
6. Pastor's Remarks
  - Christmas Masses were well attended. Fr. Mike's homily was responded to very positively with the message of being a welcoming community.
  - The new HVAC is being stored until spring when it will be installed unless there is a problem sooner.
  - The CMA goal was met at 102%.
  - Fr. Gerry is nearing the end of his life. Prayers are encouraged for him.
  - Don Smith became the coordinator of Sacramental and Family Catechesis for the Diocese.
7. Increase Offering – The brochure and return envelope will be mailed out next week. There are three different categories of letters, some for prayerful support, some for increased giving, and for those we don't hear from to please make a donation. The launch will be this weekend. ***"We all are the Hands of Christ"***. Fr. Mike reviewed the main points of his talk to introduction of this project and asked for comments. One point is mentioning those who have gone before us starting this parish and the need for us to be good stewards and maintain our property. Parishioners will be asked to increase their weekly giving and to make a donation to the building restoration fund. Joey will videotape Fr. Mike's presentation so that it can be attached to our Sunday email.
8. Meg Kastner spoke on her ministry as administrative assistant for children, youth and adult formation. She has helped with the Kentucky Women's retreat. She is the contact for CYO. Meg is currently studying for her masters in Pastoral Associates. She is a spiritual director for the Ignatian Program.
9. Cluster Reports
  - Faith Formation – Faith, Family Fun will have a Passion experience for families on April. Thirty-eight are registered for First Communion. Forty-five will be confirmed in May. During Lent there will be a survey tool going out to families to look ahead to next year and make possible changes to the program to better meet the needs of our parish. One direction that they are looking to go to is to focus more on helping parents become the primary educator of their children, using a whole community model, families would come to a monthly session and have at home activities to reinforce the ideas at home. Search retreat will be March 3-5. Women's Day Retreat had around forty women attending. Fr. Joe Kelly will be leading discussions on Matthew on four Sundays in March. The tri-parish retreat will take place March 13-15 and will be based on the JustFaith Program.
  - Peace and Justice – About 80 people attended the Potato Supper on Feb. 3. Bob Fien's special sharing was a gift to all. Attendees were encouraged to consider the JustFaith program being offered in Sept. Several participants came forward to share their experiences in Social Ministry. 235 people signed the Diocesan Public Policy petition relating to proposed legislation legalizing physician-assisted suicide. The diocese will gather the petitions and send them to our representatives in Albany.

Comments around the table:

- Around 1,000 people attend mass. It would be good to find out what people who don't attend need. Every household in our geographical boundary will be getting a post card.
- We could gather responses from people as to why they come to mass and put the responses in the weekly email, put on the screens in the gathering area or in the bulletin. We could have cards for the people to answer this question after the homily.

10. The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Martha Jodoin