

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

April 30, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Craig Rand, John Boroski, Jody DeBell, Gerry Gacioch, Sue Gangemi, Lori Goorman, Karl Hamann, Shannon Kozarits, Mary Beth Sullivan, Rose Volker, Michael Bausch, Ron Jodoin, Rich Gangemi, John Conley, Sarah Pickhardt, John Hennessy, Maureen O'Connor, Koen Goorman, Kim Fluet and Martha Jodoin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Fr. Mike led an opening prayer about how we are many parts but all one body. We each have gifts and talents to share.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.
4. Craig thanked everyone for all of the time, effort and work that was done on all the committees.
5. Open Forum – No one was in attendance to address the council.
6. Pastor's Remarks
 - The front entrance of the driveway will need to be ripped out and repaved for around \$43,000. We are waiting for two bids.
 - JEC Construction will do the church roof.
 - The drainage and landscaping project is around 85% DONE. Final grading and hydro seeding will be done. Because the culvert is filling with water, it is now hard to get to the garden. Pipes will be put in the culvert and a permanent walkway will be installed for about \$6200.
 - Duct Armor will be relining the church ductwork.
 - Tim Smith will be on long-term disability as he faces another round of surgery and recuperation. He hopes to be back to work in six weeks.
 - We are getting closer to our CMA goal.
 - We will need a nominating committee to place a form in the bulletin asking people to suggest names to fill the two Parish Pastoral Council seats of retiring members.
 - Fr. Mike was pleased with the number of people who attended the April 7 meeting and to have so much youth involvement. He is looking forward to hearing the reports from the committees.

At this point the Finance Council joined the Parish Pastoral Council to listen and respond to the initial reports from the Long-Range Planning subcommittees.

Monthly Reports:

Margie Benza submitted her pastoral update report.

Liturgy – Our Lenten Vespers this year were transitioned with the addition of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a simple question for quiet reflection. It was well received by many.

Around sixty people attended when Fr. George Heyman joined us after Vespers one evening offering a thoughtful and informative presentation of "The Lord's Supper".

Our appreciation to so many who offered their time and gifts in the beauty of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. These were high holy days of reverence and kind hospitality was offered to all welcomed through our doors.

The summer liturgical schedule was sent out last week. With many unavailable during the summer months, the schedule will reflect changes at the 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. mass with lectors offering both readings and eight cup ministers.

Margie is in the process of organizing lector and Ministers of Communion training teams who will offer training to interested parishioners.

Choir Update – Due to continual decrease in participants, Morningstar led by Pam McInerney will fold. She will work with Children's Liturgy of the Word and Wee Ones Word teaching children music within the Mass at their age levels. The Teen Choir is growing.

Our Education Masses on three weekends in April led by Joe Maxwell, Lisa Morris, Deacon Eric and Fr. Mike were well done and well received offering all a deepened knowledge of our parish history, the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Our 35th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on August 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop Matano presiding. Weekend Masses will be Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. only. Parish celebration activities include an Outdoor Family Movie Night on Saturday, August 4 with time TBO and a chicken BBQ, games, and talent show following the Sunday mass.

Pastoral

Grief Share will have its last session of thirteen this coming Wednesday with lunch and prayer service. Our appreciation to Ev Charette and Judy Herlihy for their co-facilitation. We have previously offered two sessions a year but with the addition of the availability at several local churches, we will be moving to one per year in the fall. Our next session to begin in September.

Make-A-Meal Ministry – This ministry's participants have kindly and gladly offered meals to fellow sick parishioners over these last months, not only offering them a welcomed meal but the gift of care and conversation during a challenging time.

Respite Ministry – This new ministry was developed this year with the growth of an aging parish and the need for periodic respite care for caregivers on a limited basis.

Social Events Committee – We enjoyed our first Irish Fish Fry Fest welcoming 184 parishioners and friends who gathered for a delicious Tom Wahl's Fish Fry, delicious homemade desserts offered by the committee and enjoyable Irish music by the Dave North Band.

The fall will bring an Oktoberfest on Saturday, 10/20 and the winter with a Christmas Concert on Sunday, 12/09.

Women's Bible Study – After a fall and winter session, the Women's Bible Study extended their season with an additional session, which ends in May. Our appreciation to Mary Jo Brandy and Mary Alexander, who continually offer their gifts in quenching the thirst of this group for ongoing scripture and discipleship advancement.

Women in the Spirit – Our yearly sessions conclude next week. Many have enjoyed monthly gatherings offering a variety of speakers and personal experiences. The next session will be in September.

General Ministry includes: Bereavement, funeral planning, Christ Life, Grief Share, liturgy planning, Make-A-Meal Ministry, pastoral care and visitation, Respite Ministry, Social Events Committee, spiritual direction, Visitation Ministry, wedding coordination, Welcome Bread, Women's Bible Study and Women in the Spirit.

8. Fr. Mike led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Jodoin