

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2019

ATTENDANCE: John Boroski, Ben Cutter, Jody DeBell, Rich DiMarco, Kim Fluet, Mike Goonan, Karl Hamann, Noah Lucia, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Maureen O'Connor, Margie Benza, Devon Van Vechten, Jim Walsh, Chief Samuel Farina, Michael Bausch and Martha Jodoin.

1. Opening Prayer was Adsumus: The Council Prayer.
2. Introductions were not made, as everyone knew each other.
3. The minutes of the March meeting were approved.
4. In Craig's absence, Mike Goonan read the CMA underage letter that will be sent to the Diocese May 31 when the CMA appeal ends. Fr. Mike will email the letter to the council for our input. Many parishes are behind.
5. Maureen O'Connor distributed copies of the budget. The Finance Council approves the budget but asks for advice from the pastoral council. The proposed budget is a 3% increase over this year's budget. The school assessment will be decreased \$11,000 next year. Vacation bible school is costing more this year. The 19th Annotation program is free here except for books. After discussion, the Pastoral Council does support an increase for fees for programs.
6. No parishioners were in attendance to address the council.
7. Pastor's Remarks – Fr. Mike said that one of the presenters at the Priest convocation spoke about clericalism – how do we allow lay people to be more involved? STAFF CHANGES - Tim Smith, after working here for 13 years, has resigned due to his health challenges. Margie said, and we all agreed, that Tim will be missed. Margie Benza was thanked for picking up extra work in his absence. A couple of parishioners are being trained to be mass coordinators – unlock doors, take care of collection – and they have refused a stipend and will be volunteering their time. Pam McInerney has become St. Catherine's part-time music director. Sue Wallace is working on getting someone to direct the bell choir. Pam had already planned the Vacation Bible School music. Damien will be working four to five hours a week with the 19th Annotation Program. Eric is still the spiritual director for the 19th. CMA UPDATE – We are \$11,618 short of our \$203, 413 goal. A letter will be sent to the diocese asking them to excuse us from making up the shortfall. PERPETUAL CHARITY GRANT – Applications are now being accepted for grant requests. This year the amount to be donated will be \$10,000.
8. Safety Report and Discussion – Devon Van Vechten, Jim Walsh and Fairport Chief of Police Samuel Farina discussed the safety report. The goal of a safety and security plan is to not impede liturgical services or have people feel overwhelmed by security measures or presence. They recommend training ushers to observe what is going on and to be vigilant. Some of their suggestions include locking outside doors during meetings and having people arriving late to contact someone by cell phone to let them in. The staff will be discussing this topic at their staff meeting on June 4. Chief Samuel will be happy to be involved in training people.
9. Due to the lateness of the hour there was no staff report on their ministries.
10. Cluster Reports were submitted in writing.
FAITH FORMATION – Family formation – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd video was shown before all masses on a First Communion weekend. A letter will be sent to all families with a child who is under four. Bridges of Faith – completed their year at the beginning of May with a final session focused on Care for God's Creation. Feedback surveys will be going out the end of this month. Vacation Bible School – Planning is in full swing, registration materials went out and we are currently starting to work on a safety plan. Sacramental Prep – First Communions took place the two first weekends in May. We welcomed 28 brothers and sister to the table. Confirmation – Bishop Matano confirmed 73 teens on May 7. Youth Ministry – Middle School numbers at the Sunday morning youth group have been suddenly down this year. Anne is researching alternate models, listening to families, and discerning whether to make a change in format in either 2019-2020 or the following year. High School weekly youth group continued to be well attended this year. The goal for next year will be to continue to reach out and invite the 73 recently confirmed teens. Adult Formation – Christ Life – We ran all three courses back to back this year. Thirty people have completed all three and feedback was very positive. That is about a third of the people who completed the first course. Participants have reported that they feel a deeper, more consistent prayer life and that they feel more prepared to share their faith with others. We're taking a break for a bit and discerning whether to offer Discovering Christ again in Jan. 2020. Women's Kentucky Retreat – Ten women went. The week was rich with trials and tribulations. 19th Annotation – we are currently inviting participants for next year. New ideas for next year- a series for couples on marriage, something for parents of teens. Are there any ideas the parish council would like to suggest? Joe Kelly will do a summer series – tentative topic is aging and spirituality.

PEACE AND JUSTICE Report – JustFaith – The 2018-2019 twenty week program ended this month. Special thanks to the co-facilitators: our Joy Morris, plus Fr. Rob Bourcy and Rick Micoli from St. Catherine of Siena. In light of some design and materials changes in the program for this year, we will be gathering additional information to assess and decide whether JustFaith will be offered in the upcoming year starting in September. Diocesan Public Policy Weekend was in February. The petition was in support of the NY Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act. The twelve-county diocese produced 10,372 signatures. Of that, Monroe County's 36 participating parishes produced 5,913 signatures. Transfiguration produced 235 signatures. While the bill has received some discussion in the legislature, it needs additional nudging to move it from committee to the floor. Parishioners are urged to contact their State legislators and Governor Cuomo, asking their support. Peace and Justice Coordinating Committee (PJCC) – Special thanks to high school youth representatives Megan Weiner (sophomore) and Robert Nolan (senior) for their participation on PJCC this past year. Global Solidarity and RAIHN ministries shared their work and engaged in discussion with PJCC at its April gathering. These are outstanding examples of Transfiguration outreach, globally and locally. Deep appreciation to Lauren Burruto and John and Barb Balzano for their leadership, and thanks to all parishioners who support or participate in these ministries. Opioid Education Program: PJCC is proceeding with planning to offer this at Transfiguration, with invitations to St. Louis and St. Catherine. Probably to be scheduled in late September or early October. Summer Clothing drive will be June 1-2. Community Garden work has begun.

PASTORAL UPDATE – LITURGY – Lenten Vespers with Exposition were well attended (over 50) on Monday evenings. The Lenten Penance Service returned this past Holy Week Monday evening with over 75 in attendance. Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday Service and Simple Stations were well attended. Many commented on the respective reverence, esp. the oil presentation, foot washing and monstration procession of Holy Thursday, the depth felt with the cross carrying and veneration of Good Friday and the simple yet moving stations Friday evening. Our Easter Vigil welcomed David Alexander and Svante Vikingsson into our Catholic faith with great pleasure. Our three Easter Masses were well attended as we celebrated the joy of the Resurrection. Our appreciation to the Arts and Environment Committee, our liturgical ministers and choir who offered a beautiful and prayerful worship space and reverence to Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We are truly blessed in this community for those who share their gifts in bringing us closer in deep prayer, worship and relationship to our God. Fr. Mike's 40th Anniversary of Ordination was celebrated April 27-28. A special thanks to Jane Vallely and Sue Gangemi who coordinated the dinner and Sunday reception making it an enjoyable time for all! Sue Wallace has welcomed a new volunteer pianist, Rich Buck and additional new choir members as well. All will agree that music has been a continual draw to Transfiguration offering the gift of prayerful music to all who walk through its doors.

PASTORAL – Our Alzheimer's/Dementia Workshop for Caregivers welcomed eighteen participants on 4/27. Our appreciation to Ken Dorner of the Alzheimer's Association who led our workshop and parishioner, Bernadette Boyatzies, who has offered her time in assisting with this potential ministry. We are in the midst of taking this one step further in offering a potential monthly support group for caregivers led by Bernadette. Details continued to be worked through. A new monthly Grief Share Support Group began on Sunday, May 5 from 10:15 am – 11:15 am in the Parish Life Center Living Room co-facilitated by Ev and Jane Charette with eight attendants.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE – In process of organizing a summer golf tournament and fall Halloween/Okttoberfest Party. See the bulletin for details as the events draw closer.

WELCOME BREAD TRANSITION – Our Welcome Bread Ministry transition to the Welcome Reception has been delayed for start-up until September 2019.

OTHER ACTIVITIES – Ministries of Bereavement, Christmas Baskets, Cloverwood, Highlands, Pastoral Counseling, Pastoral Planning Long Range Planning Committee, Peace & Justice, Respite Ministry, Spiritual Direction, Visitation, Wedding Coordination, and sacramental preparation as requested. Report submitted by Margie Benza.

11. John Boroski led a Hail Mary in honor of Mary's month of May as our closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Jodoin