

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2018

ATTENDANCE: John Boroski, Jody DeBell, Kim Fluett, Michael Goonan, Karl Hamann, Craig Rand, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Ron Jodoin, Rich Gangemi, Margie Benza, Diane Carroll-Yacoby, Michael Bausch, and Martha Jodoin.

Craig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Ron read the proposed Parish Mission Statement for us to reflect on.
2. Introductions were made.
3. The minutes of the June meeting were approved.
4. Craig welcomed everyone. Great things have been happening. There is a lot to build on. Deacon Eric's homily, which included comments on abuse in the church and Ann Gallagher's reflection, were dynamic. Is it possible to post on website, email or mail to all parishioners? (IT WAS DECIDED TO MAIL TO ALL PARISHIONERS.) Mike will pursue this with the staff.
5. ***Building for the Future*** planning process

Culture Sub-Committee presented the proposed mission statement. After some discussion and tweaking, a MOTION was made and all were in favor of this mission statement:

We, the Church of the Transfiguration, are a vibrant Roman Catholic faith community committed to welcoming all. Rooted in the teaching of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, we care for each other and provide faith and spiritual formation and development for all ages. We live this out by advocating for peace, nonviolence, social justice, and providing opportunities for social ministry outreach.

The Culture Committee will now be working on a parish profile.

Pastoral Care Sub-Committee goals are 1. Nurture and Grow our Transfiguration Community, 2. Extend and enhance the warm hospitality of our Transfiguration family, 3. Engage teens and young adults as critical members of our parish and encourage their active participation, 4. Encourage, affirm, and engage the innate talents, gifts and charisms of all parishioners from all demographic groups, 5. Provide spiritual nourishment and formation for all seasons of life to meet relevant moral and personal challenges that enhance our personal relationship with Jesus and those we encounter, 6. Offer spiritual support for families, with a focus on improving children, teens and their families' sense of ownership for spiritual and communal belonging, and 7. Support parishioners through the transition to a new pastor. They are focusing on goals and activities. They are incorporating what is currently happening as they plan for new. They hope to create small Christian communities.

Finance Sub-Committee has two goals they are working on. 1. Assure financial stability for Transfiguration well into the future. Include planned growth in savings not currently allocated. 2. Establish platform for ongoing "health of the parish" (Financial and Other) messaging. They are looking at how they report finances, both weekly and annually. They are considering doing a quarterly update. There is a need to budget in planned savings. EFT needs to be publicized again.

Building and Grounds Sub-Committee worked on making a comprehensive assessment of the grounds, structures, buildings and building contents and equipment. This assessment will help them plan and budget necessary expenditures. Many projects have been completed. There is a detailed list of equipment. The gym floor will be resealed this week. The garage is sagging and will need to be replaced sometime in the future. The Education Building will also be needing a new furnace and consider adding air conditioning.

Communications Sub-Committee objective is to use a wide variety of communications channels to deepen parish engagement and awareness of church activities throughout the parish and surrounding community. They help sub-committees publicize their activities. They use the bulletin, parish email, A/V in the church, the quarterly newsletter and Facebook.

6. No parishioners were in attendance to address the council.
7. Summer successes included the outdoor movie with around 35 people attending. Mike O'Leary from Temple Bar and Grill did the cooking for the chicken barbeque, which was a huge success. All who attended enjoyed the talent show directed by Sue.
8. Pastor's Remarks – Mike commented on how pastoral Bishop Matano is. He said the anniversary Mass and stayed for the barbeque. The building and grounds projects are completed. Every project had a problem. Tim will be having two more surgeries. CMA will be starting.
9. Margie Benza spoke about her area of ministry. Transfiguration is a caring community. Several families have been helped with meals during their times of need. Respite Ministry – Suffering through care giving – 7 or 8 people will be trained. The Surviving the Holiday program will be offered again. Craig expressed on behalf of the pastoral council our appreciation for Margie going above and beyond expectations during Tim's absence.

10. Cluster Reports

Faith and Formation – Everything is starting. First confirmation meeting was held. High school and middle school groups will be starting up. First Communion is a small group. Bridges of Faith will be meeting soon. Adaptive Formation - two people are being trained for this program. So far, there is one student. Small Christian Communities will be created to meet once a month. Trunk or Treat will be held inside. It will be a saintly treat walk, more day of the deadest. Different groups in the parish are being encouraged to pick a saint and have a table. Current Eagle Scout troop is doing all of the prep work for building what is needed. Adult events include Discovering Christ, Damien Zynda is doing presentations, Joe Kelly will have a series, Thursdays Bible Study and Women's Bible Study. Pastoral Update – We are thrilled to have Tim Smith return to our pastoral staff in late August. Our thanks to Meg Kastner for her flexibility and willingness to assist at Masses and other needs as they arose in Tim's absence. LITURGY – Bishop Matano offered our 35th Anniversary Mass on August 5 with a great attendance followed by a fun Chicken BBQ and Talent Show with over 250 in attendance. Our masses returned to the fall schedule this past weekend with the 4:30PM, 9AM and 11:30AM masses. Recently, a Minister of Communion training team has been established. Jeff Dmochowski, Barbara Finegan, Marcy Kucharski and Devon VanVechten will be offering the training for all new Ministers of Communion. We have welcomed five new acolytes to our ministry who are very excited to serve. Our Liturgy Committee reconvenes this month in planning future liturgies and para-liturgies with a sub-committee to determine our theme for this coming Advent. PASTORAL – Fall brings: Grief Share program began with three participants. Ev and Jane Charette are co-facilitating. In a response to the need within the community, several local churches are now offering this program and our parish will move to a once yearly fall session. Make-A-Meal Ministry (23 participants) continues to offer meals and most recently to two families dealing with a major surgery and hospice care. A special thanks to our Social Events Committee who played an important part in serving our Anniversary BBQ and are now meeting to organize future events such as the Oktoberfest and Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the church. The Oktoberfest will be on October 20 with great German food from Swan's, great music by the Krazy Fireman Polka Band and with German beers for purchase. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$12 each for children to be sold at the parish office and after all masses the weekends of September 29 and 30, October 6 and 7 and October 13 and 14. Tickets will not be available at the door. OTHER ACTIVITIES include Bereavement, Cloverwood Ministry, funeral planning, Highland's Communion Ministry, Men's Fellowship, parish planning committee, pastoral care and visitation, spiritual direction, wedding coordination and Welcome Bread. Respectfully submitted by Margie Benza and reported by Ann Smith.

11. Fr. Mike led the closing prayer. Next meeting will be October 29. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Martha Jodoin