

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 8, 2021

ATTENDED BY: John Boroski, Rich DiMarco, Kim Fluet, Sue Gangemi, Gerry Gacioch, Mike Goonan, Karl Hamann, Megan Harold, Noah Lucia, Mike Lutz, Ann Smith, Mary Beth Sullivan, Vicky Wejko, Rose Volker, Maureen O'Connor, Margie Benza, Fr. Rob Bourcy and Martha Jodoin.

1. Sue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Rob led the opening prayer. As he recalled recent deaths of parishioners, he reminded us all that life is a gift.
2. Mike Goonan made a motion to accept the PPC minutes from October 11, 2021. Seconded by Mary Beth Sullivan. The minutes were accepted.
3. Sue welcomed everyone, especially Gerry Gacioch who is filling the vacancy on council. His term will end in 2022.
4. Review of revised Constitution of Transfiguration – The constitution was reviewed. We will eliminate the word cluster and change it to ministry so it will not be confusing. Ministry includes initiatives, committees, subgroups. Sue Gangemi will retype the constitution with the corrections. The council will get a final copy in December. We will post online a copy of the 2021 version and inform parishioners that if they would like to see the original from 2010, they can contact the parish office. Parishioners can review the new constitution and give us feedback. The PPC will vote on it in January. Fr. Rob thanked Sue for her hard work and Sue thanked everyone for reviewing the constitution.

Review of Council Member terms of service – In the past the terms of service were posted on the bottom of the agenda. Members whose terms end in 2022 are Megan Harold, Mary Beth Sullivan and Gerry Gacioch. Members whose terms end in 2023 are Sue Gangemi, Mike Goonan and Karl Hamann. Members whose terms end in 2024 are Ben Cutter, Rich DiMarco, and Mike Lutz. Representatives from ministries are John Boroski, Kim Fluet, Noah Lucia and Ann Smith. Karl Hamann will be representing Buildings and Grounds besides being a regular council member. Noah Lucia will be graduating in June. Ministries choose who will represent them on the council.

5. Cluster Reports –
 - a. **WORSHIP/LITURGY** – Our yearly Remembrance Mass took place this past Saturday, 11/6 with approximately 45 in attendance. Thanksgiving Mass will be 11/25 at 9:00 a.m. Advent Evening Candlelight Prayer is scheduled for Mondays 11/29, 12/6 and 12/13 at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Masses are 12/24 at 3:30p.m., 5:30p.m., Midnight and 12/25 at 10:00a.m. 12/26 Mass at 8:45a.m. 12/31 Mass – 5:00p.m. at St. Catherine's. No New Year's Day Mass.
PASTORAL – "Surviving the Holidays" presentation will be offered on this Wednesday, 11/10 at 10:00a.m. in the Parish Life Center Double Room. The presentation offers a DVD presentation, group discussion and small workbook offering helpful information in navigating the holidays after the passing of a loved one. There have been some hospital and home visitations on a limited basis. Women in the Spirit takes place this evening in assisting with Christmas Basket preparation tasks. Gently used and new warm winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, boots) will be collected in the Gathering Area these next two weekends for the House of Mercy. Used tablets and laptops are being collected in the Gathering Area these

next two weekends for the Afghan refugee families. Monthly food collection continues. Thanksgiving Turkey Drive next two weekends. Drop off 11/22. Christmas Baskets – 174 families registered to date. This report was presented by Ann Smith and written by Margie Benza.

- b. **PEACE AND JUSTICE** – A coordinating meeting will be held on November 20 to discuss what the future looks like for this committee. JustFaith – Linda Gintner and Terry Jahnke are doing a mini-series on immigration.
 - c. **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – There was a mold issue in the library that was taken care of. Our garden produce that was donated this year was 1600 pounds. The committee is looking into getting information on switching our lights to LEDs.
 - d. **YOUTH** – We are getting ready for the annual Search retreat January 7-9 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. We can take up to 40 people and will be inviting St. Catherine's teens to join us too. Noah said that there are two interested teens in replacing him on PPC in June. He will bring them to the next meeting. Noah has done a great job on PPC.
 - e. **CHRISTIAN FORMATION** – Report written by Ann Gallagher and presented by Ann Smith
SACRAMENTS – First Reconciliation preparation is going well; they will receive the sacrament on December 11th. The prayer service followed by individual reconciliations will be a joint event with St. Catherine's .
 - f. **FAMILY FORMATION** – Our first family formation sessions went well; we started the year by looking at the heroes of the Old Testament followed by some community building with smores. Our next session will be on preparing for Advent with the Jesse Tree on November 21st. **JOINT EVENTS** – Let's Taco Bout the Saint was a good introduction to doing joint events with St. Catherine's. We are looking forward to building some momentum for our December event, Night in Bethlehem, which will include gingerbread house making. It will take place on December 12th at 6p.m. In February, we are working on a joint card-making event for families. Cards will be sent to the homebound members of both parishes. **ADVENT** – St. Nick will be visiting the parish on December 4th and 5th. We will have our joint Night in Bethlehem event on December 12th. We will also have a weekly reflection on our YouTube Channel that will connect with the Jesse Tree. **TECH** – YouTube numbers of live stream viewers Oct. 3 – 174, Oct. 10 – 171, Oct. 17 – 200, Oct. 24 – 169, Oct. 31 – 120 -this number does not reflect a full week of views. There are 541 subscribers in last 28 days (plus 3 in last 28 days). 935 views in last 28 days (plus 51 over last month). Unique viewers in last 28 days (estimated # of devices that watched content): 367 (-39 over last month). Watch time (hours): 312.6 (17.4 less than last month). Virtual Children's Liturgy: Oct. 3 – 23, Oct. 10 – 30, Oct. 17 – 16, Oct. 24 – 19 and Oct. 31 – 13. We received money from a grant the office of E and C had open to applications. The grant will help us get a camera that will serve as a backup for live streaming but will also open the option to do better quality on-demand videos. Ideas for use include doing video highlights of ministries in the parish, seasonal announcements to promote offerings, getting to know the staff/ministry leaders. Open to ideas, please send them my way.
- 6. **Open Forum** – No parishioners were present to address the Council.
 - 7. **Pastor/Staff comments** – Fr. Rob thanked everyone for their work on updating the constitution. Calls for anointing and assisting are increasing. We have a phenomenal staff. Fr. Rob is open to

hear what is going on and people's comments. Parishioners seem happy. Vicky distributed copies of a "Less is More Christmas" sheet. They will be moving the Christmas advent to an afternoon event. Maureen O'Connor distributed a copy of the finance report.

8. The PPC will attend Advent Evening Prayer on Dec. 13 at 7:00p.m. and then have an abbreviated PPC meeting. Following closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Jodoin