

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Joni Starzec; prayer was led by Amy Sliva. Roll call showed all members present. Father Ross added 3 items to the evening's agenda; one item under Old Business (Duncan get-together), and two items under New Business (parish council future, and subpoena). Kerry O'Kane made a motion to approve the revised agenda, and the motion was seconded by Tim Vetick. Tim Harrington made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes (February meeting was cancelled due to weather). Kerry O'Kane seconded the motion to approve January meeting minutes.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Frances Veseth reported on expenses and income for the months of January and February.

PRE – No report.

St. Anthony School Board – Tim Harrington reported; the school library upgrade cost is anticipated to be between \$8,000-\$10,000, with the goal of completion by the beginning of next school year. The school now has Chromebooks for every student.

Maintenance – Tim Vetick reported; Speicher Electric will replace the lights above the altar. Would be a good idea to clean the lights and fans in the main church too. The west sacristy door is being adjusted/fixed. The street lights in the playground and parking lot are working, but it's just a temporary fix. We need to look at replacing them with LED's; we'd also get a rebate from NPPD for switching.

Pastor's Comments – Fr. Ross reported; there were no baptisms; no marriages; 4 deaths; 4 new parishioners, and 3 left the parish.

Old Business

Parish Regrouping – Fr. Ross reported; things are moving forward; Father will do a pulpit swap this Saturday, March 23rd.

ArchOmaha Unite – Fr. Ross reported; on the weekend of April 6-7th there will be a registration blitz to sign up parishioners for the June 8th event. A chartered bus will be available.

Praise and Worship - Fr. Ross reported; Looking at the Christian-based Alpha program for meetings. Attendance has been steady at meetings; between 10-20 attendees.

Custodian Retirement - Fr. Ross reported; George Harvey will retire June 15th of this year. The job will be split into two part-time positions; one custodian and one maintenance person. Hoping to have individuals hired by May.

Walk to Jerusalem - Fr. Ross reported; our parish has spanned the globe twice and we're only halfway through Lent.

Duncan Get-Together - Fr. Ross reported; looking at ideas for a mixer. Maybe something to celebrate our shared Polish heritage. Polka Masses will continue Saturday nights at St. Stanislaus.

New Business

St. Bon's Renovation – Fr. Ross reported; 6:30am weekday Masses will be at St. Anthony's beginning July 15th; this won't affect our 5:30pm weekday Masses. We are working with St. Isidore's to cover St. Bon's weddings, funerals, Quinceaneras, etc. during their renovation.

EMHC Safe Environment Training – Fr. Ross reported; EMHCs who take Communion to homebound and/or vulnerable adults and children will be receiving safe environment training.

Recess in the Parking Lot - Fr. Ross reported; he was approached about the possibility of having recess in the parking lot between the school and church. Looking at offering that option during the rainy/snowy/muddy season(s).

Nominations for Parish Council - Fr. Ross reported; will need to have at least 3 nominees, as three members' terms are ending.

Parish Council Future - Fr. Ross reported; Duncan's parish council will stay intact for now; may look at a combined council in the future.

Subpoena - Fr. Ross reported; a subpoena was issued to all three archdioceses for records of abuse throughout the state. The deadline was lengthened due to the immense amount of information requested. Father will be attending a meeting tomorrow, March 21st, to get more information about the reporting process and to get clarification on what the Attorney General is looking for.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Joni Starzec

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 24th at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Sliva,
Secretary