

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ArchOmaha Unite** – Fr. Ross reported; on the weekend of April 6-7<sup>th</sup> there will be a registration blitz to sign up parishioners for the June 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>; 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Sliva,  
Secretary



The 2 by 4 Dinner Project is a fun and social way to meet small groups of fellow parishioners while enjoying the opportunity to get to know each other on a more personal basis over a good meal and fun conversation. 2 by 4 Dinners are for EVERYONE--retired, young, married, single, widowed, college-aged and young adults.

2 by 4 participants gather in groups of 8 to share dinner in each others' homes 2 times between now and the end of the year. The time period will start in May so by signing up, your commitment is only for 2 dinner meetings over the next 6 months. We will not hold any dinners in November and December.

The dinners are potluck and participants can take turns hosting. The couple hosting provides the main course while the others in the group bring a side dish, appetizer, salad, etc to accompany the meal. If hosting in your home is not feasible, we can always make plans to meet in the Parish Center.

Not only will it be fun to be a part of this dinner group, but it is a great way to foster community within our parish. Father Ross hopes to attend as many as possible.

If you have questions, please contact Sandi Seckel during the evening hours at 276-0005. You can also email [sandi.seckel@gmail.com](mailto:sandi.seckel@gmail.com)

If you are interested in having fun and getting to know your St. Anthony's family, please complete the form below and return it to the church office or drop it in the collection basket on the weekend of May 4-5.

Here are some comments from those who participated in the first 2x4 season

- ❖ *"Great fellowship, food and friendships were shared! Can't wait for the fun to begin again."*
- ❖ *"The 2x4 dinners were a way for us to get to know a few other couples in the parish we hadn't met before. The dinners are fellowship, fun and food all rolled into one."*
- ❖ *"We thoroughly enjoyed our experience of 2x4 dinners. It's a great way to get acquainted with fellow parishioners in a casual environment."*
- ❖ *"We loved the diversity of the groups and knowing that we were all members of St. Anthony's. The food was wonderful, but the conversation and fellowship was heartwarming. It was also fun to socialize with Father Ross and get to know him better."*

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: couple OR single

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Circle: willing to host  
can not host

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Circle best contact:  
Email or phone

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.*

*Matthew 18:20*