

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
November 10, 2016 7:00 PM  
Room #223**

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT** - Brent Harris, President, Kathy Moritz, Charles Olson II, Lisa Seidl, Brett Sims, & Michele Zadalis.

**NOT PRESENT** - Michael Gawley, Kevin Ortmeier, & Mike Rasmussen

**OTHERS PRESENT** - Fr. Tom Fangman, Ron Hawkins (RF Representative), Mary McMahon & Vicki Payton

**CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER:** Brent Harris opened the meeting and Fr. Tom led members in a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Brent then asked for approval of the October 13, 2016 PPC Minutes. Brett Sims asked for a clarification of recorded motion to read under Old Business Parish Council Goals for 2016/17 to "After much discussion, Brett Sims made a motion that the PPC utilize the Archdiocese Parish Pastoral Plan template developed by the Meitler Study along with input from the Parish staff and those that helped with St. Patrick's presence in developing the Meitler Study for St. Patrick's Pastoral Plan." Charles Olson made a motion to approve amended minutes as stated above and motion was seconded by Brett Sims. All approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/GROUP CONTACT REPORTS**

**RF:** Ron Hawkins, RF Representative, reported that the RF program has 805 students currently enrolled and continuing to register new students. The program needs more volunteers at a few sessions. There is no longer a Sunday Preschool program being offered due to the lack of volunteers. Confirmation Enrollment Mass is this Sunday, Nov.13, 2016. Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Thanks giving Mass with the Pie Social following. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat is Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. The Outreach Week collected  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a truck full items for the needy and will be distributed to COPE and the Heart Ministry. Faith Formation Week (Oct 29-Nov 6) was not very successful and will probably not take place next year due to low volunteer help. RF Committee will begin planning for Summer Faith Formation at their next meeting since there have been inquiries already.

**Music Ministry:** Brent Harris reported that Michael Willis, Liturgy and Music Director, has reached 500 volunteers on his schedule for Masses which includes sacristans, Lectors, altar servers, greeters, etc.

**Development:** Michele Zadalis reported that she and Fr. Tom met with about 25 women from St. Margaret Mary's today to discuss how women's "Circles" run at their parish. The goal of the Circles is fellowship and along with that they perform service projects and raise money to support efforts in the parish. A survey is going to be sent out to parishioners to see if there is an interest.

**Alpha:** Kathy Moritz talked with Debbie Schroer and asked her to explain a little more about the ALPHA program. This program is being developed at St. Pats to encourage a deeper relationship with Jesus and is open to anyone regardless of the depth of that relationship. It also encourages fellowship in a small group setting. Fr. Tom and Lisa Seidl also elaborated. A training session is being held for facilitators this Saturday morning at St. Patrick's and another meeting is being held

this Sunday for those interested in supporting this program in any way as a volunteer. Debbie has no idea how many will sign up to be involved in the actual groups but will begin registration in later December or early January. She will try to attend the PPC Dec meeting to give more information.

**St. Nicholas Dinner:** Charles Olson reminded the PPC that St. Patrick's Annual St. Nicholas Dinner is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 1:30pm in the Parish Center. Bring the entire family!

**All other committee reports had no report.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Meitler Review/Archdiocese Vision:** Fr. Tom expressed his gratitude and the excitement after the last meeting that the PPC would help to implement the Meitler Study Parish Pastoral Plan. He discussed it with the Parish Staff and their response was positive. He then attended a conference for the Archdiocese in Skylar, NE. The Archbishop shared the vision that they have for the Archdiocese of One Church, Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples and Living Mercy. Fr Tom feels that this along with the Meitler Study's template could be tied together for St. Patrick's. He found a donor that will pay for the book that was discussed at the last meeting. The book called *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly has been ordered and will be distributed before Advent. 2000 copies were ordered. It was an idea that it could become a theme for the year in all aspects of the Parish such as Missions, social events, etc. Fr. Tom also gave all members of the PPC a book to read and discuss called *Divine Renovation* by Fr. James Mallon. This book was used at the Archdiocese Listening sessions. He is also giving a copy to all involved in the St. Patrick's Meitler Focus group and the Parish Staff. It was agreed that all PPC, Meitler Group and Parish Staff will read the introduction and chapter 1 by the next meeting. Fr Tom invited everyone to come over for dinner at his house for the next meeting on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> after Mass to discuss the book. It will help with planning and implementing goals.

Vicki Payton explained that the Meitler Study involved 10 parishes. A required survey will be sent to members of all 10 parishes to follow up. The survey is called Discipleship Maker Index and takes 15 minutes to complete. Every member in a family is asked to participate. A link will be sent via email, Facebook, Twitter, the website, etc. It may not reach all "who are in the pews" but the feedback will be beneficial to those "in the pews" in fostering their faith development at whatever level that may be. The survey will be administered in January or February and last 2-3 weeks.

There was more discussion on having someone from the Archdiocese Parish Pastoral Office come talk to PPC or let the council know what the schedule is of follow up on Meitler information/implementation. Another suggestion would be to meet with the Parish Council of another Parish and see how or what they are doing. This will be discussed at the next meeting and a timeline will be determined then.

**Financial Request Form:** Lisa Seidl sent all members the St. Patrick's Athletic Committee's Scholarship application. Kathy revised it and Brett Sims volunteered to go over it in greater detail. He will bring it to the next meeting for approval.

**Rectory Finances:** Vicki explained that there were unforeseen expenses in the selling of the old rectory and the renovating of the new that did create a \$20,000 net loss. She discussed details such as the old rectory sold for less than anticipated and the needs of the renovation to allow all 3 priests to live there ran higher than originally budgeted. After more discussion, Charles Olson

motioned that at all future Parish Council meetings, two reports be provided; actual vs budget report and a year to date compared to previous year report if available and have it on the agenda every month. Brett Sims seconded the motion. All approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Welcome Center/Reception Area:** Fr Tom asked Steve Reese with Prairie Construction to look at the Welcome Center for ideas on how to make it more secure, and allow for someone to be seated there to greet visitors coming into the building. Possible swipe cards or cameras may be involved. He also asked him to look into putting lettering on the church and above the outside entrance to the building that coordinates with the lettering that exists on the school along with a Celtic Cross or something that ties it together. When Steve gets back to Fr. Tom, he will communicate what he said to the council.

**New Music Opportunities:** Fr. Tom is trying new music directors at the Sunday 12:30 and 5:00pm Masses. Last weekend was when the changes were implemented. The 12:30 Mass is Karly Jurgensen and Natalie Thomas. Gene & Cher Klosner are playing at the 5:00pm Mass. All except Karly will do this through December with the hope of building choirs in January. Karly is not available in December but will return in January. Karly and Natalie are doing this as stewardship for now but may run into expenses at some point. A donor is paying for Klosners' fee for one year. This is not being promoted other than word of mouth for now. All other Masses will remain the same at this time to allow for measuring interest in the new format.

**Acknowledging Project Volunteers:** Vicki expressed an interest in thanking those that give of their time and skills to help various projects around the Parish. She cautioned that she is concerned that someone would be missed and that it is not done for every situation. There was discussion on how to approach these people or companies. Financial acknowledgements do occur for those that submit invoices but it is not easily reflected in the budget numbers. The line items in the budget are mandated by the Archdiocese so adding lines is not possible. Some expressed that they personally did not want to be listed but others felt it was good to see by parishioners for multiple reasons. Future situations will take place on a case by case basis. The rectory helpers will be acknowledged in Parish newsletter, The Shamrock.

**Parking Lot Issues:** Brett Sims asked if there was a plan for the parking lot while construction is going on for Christmas and Fish Fry evenings. Vicki and Fr Tom said that it is being investigate but open to any ideas. The lot by the fire station is available for St. Patrick's use and the Parish is only expected to maintain it for snow removal and any damages that may occur to the surface.

**Anniversary Video:** Fr Tom attended St. Roberts Auction Dinner last weekend and came out with many ideas. The video they displayed was wonderfully put together and he expressed that a group should start working on that in January. Mary McMahon suggested Jen Maher. Kathy Moritz suggested Jon Doyle as well. Mary will reach out to Jen.

**Greeters:** Brent Harris expressed the need to have reservation signs made to hold seats in Mass for families that assist in being greeters since the church fills up while they are volunteering. Lisa Seidl will make signs and put them in the back of the church.

**Alcohol Use Requests:** Due to Men's Club officers changing recently, a motion was made by Brett Sims to allow alcohol to be served Fish Fry evenings during Lent. Charles Olson seconded the motion. All approved.

There being no more business, Lisa Seidl asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:44pm. Michele Zadalis seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting was adjourned. Fr. Tom closed with a prayer.

Next meeting date December 8, 2016 at Fr. Tom's home after Mass that evening.

Secretary  
Kathy Moritz