

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Thursday, December 8, 2016
7:30 PM Rectory**

REPRESENTATIVES ALL PRESENT - Brent Harris, President, Michael Gawley, Kathy Moritz, Charles Olson II, Kevin Ortmeier, Mike Rasmussen, Lisa Seidl, Brett Sims, & Michele Zadalis.
OTHERS PRESENT - Fr. Tom Fangman, Ron Hawkins (RF Representative) & Fr. John Norman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Brent asked for approval of the November 10, 2016 PPC Minutes. Brett Sims asked for a correction that "Brett" should be "Brent" under Greeters section in the minutes. Charles Olson made a motion to approve amended minutes as stated above and motion was seconded by Mike Gawley. All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/GROUP CONTACT REPORTS

RF: Ron Hawkins, RF Representative, reported that the Summer Faith Formation(SFF) program will be limited to 300 students in 2017. Tuition will increase to \$130 per student and registration will begin February 3rd, 2017. SFF will be held June 5 – 16, 2017. The RF SPIRIT Auction Basket theme will be based on the Broadway show, "Hamilton" and will include play tickets and dinner.

Finance: Mike Gawley will present a report each month of actual numbers when the Finance Committee meets. Some meetings fall after PPC meetings.

All other committee reports had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

Focus Theme for St. Pat's in 2017: Fr. Tom and Brent Harris are open to any ideas. Fr. Tom suggested "Embracing Grace" to encourage parishioners to be more engaged. Charles Olson suggested using the book that parishioners will receive before Christmas, *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly to center theme and marketing theme. Brent talked to Lisa Seidl about looking to Pope Francis's upcoming theme for the next year when it comes out. Ron H. communicated Mary McMahon's suggestion of using the Corporal Works of Mercy in a theme. After discussion and input from all representatives on how the theme could be implemented, Brett Sims made a motion to have the theme for the 2017 calendar year be "Seeking True Happiness". Mike Gawley seconded the motion. All approved. Groups in the Parish will need to be educated. The *Resisting Happiness* book will be in hopefully soon. Brett Sims suggested wrapping the book with wording communicating to the recipient why they were receiving the book. Fr. Tom offered the wording include that it was a gift from the Parish and keeping it simple. Michele Zadalis, Lisa Seidl and Kathy Moritz will work on the wraps when Lisa finds out the books will arrive.

Discuss the book, Divine Renovation – Intro & Chapter 1: Due to the lengthy discussion on the theme, the Divine Renovation book will be discussed at the January PPC meeting. Parish Staff will discuss the same material at their meetings rather than join the PPC.

NEW BUSINESS

Olive Wood from the Holy Land: Two men contacted Fr. Tom who sell Olive Wood from the Holy

Land in support of Christian families in the Holy Land. They are approved by the Archdiocese of Omaha. Fr. Tom wanted to see if the PPC agreed with them coming to sell at St. Pat's. A question was asked as to what percentage actually goes back to the families of these sales? Fr. Tom will call them back and ask.

Alcohol Use Requests: Brett Sims made a motion that alcohol be served at the reception for Michael Willis sometime the first weekend in January. Mike Rasmussen seconded the motion. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: It is strongly encouraged that any topics to be addressed by the Parish Council be sent to Brent and Kathy prior to the meetings so meetings can run more efficiently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fr. Tom shared that Michael Willis is retiring January 1st and a reception will be held the following weekend. Interviews will begin soon to fill the position of Music and Liturgy Director.

There being no more business, Brett Sims asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Rasmussen seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting was adjourned. Fr. Tom closed with a prayer.

Next meeting date Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Secretary
Kathy Moritz