

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Thursday, February 9, 2017
7:00PM Room #223**

REPRESENTATIVES ALL PRESENT - Brent Harris, President, Michael Gawley, Kathy Moritz, Mike Rasmussen, Lisa Seidl, Brett Sims, & Michele Zadalis

OTHERS PRESENT – Fr. Tom Fangman, Ron Hawkins (RF Representative), Paula Blackledge, Amy Cook, Lisa Kuehl & Carrie McLaughlin

ABSENT: Kevin Ortmeier & Charles Olson

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER: Brent Harris opened the meeting at 7:02pm. Fr Tom led members in a prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Brent asked for approval of the January 19, 2017 PPC Minutes. Lisa Seidl made a motion to approve minutes and motion was seconded by Mike Rasmussen. All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/GROUP CONTACT REPORTS

RF: Ron Hawkins, RF Representative, reported that there an overwhelming response of registrations for the Summer Faith Formation(SFF) program in all grades. The program is offered to 1st through Confirmation students. Currently, 3rd and up is full and waitlists are being created. They are still looking to hire additional certified teachers to fill positions for SFF. Parents have expressed concerns about waiting outside for RF evenings on extremely cold days. The he committee is looking on solutions. The poverty meal the previous evening went well. Attendees viewed a slideshow from Winnebago. Brent Harris thanked the RF administration and committee for all of their hard work.

Finance: Mike Gawley presented a report from the Finance Committee. A large proposal was presented of \$21,000 to go toward computers and a cart for them. The Finance Committee voted against approving the request due to insufficient funds at this time. Scoreboards along with software for the new Activity Center will be provided by *Scorevision* which allows selling ads to help pay for the boards. There will be an upfront cost of \$54,000 per board. There was more discussion of the budget along with needs for the upcoming budget such as promotion of theme and needs to upgrade the campus. It was also communicated that Parish Staff will begin reviews and the details of how that will take place are being worked out. The bulletin has gathered so much in advertising that it will cover the cost of expanding to additional pages and printing in color beginning in the next couple of months.

SPY: Lisa Seidl reported Steubenville trip already has 110 youth signed up to attend in St. Louis, the 2nd week in July. Valentine Date Night babysitting is being provided on Saturday, February 11th by SPY kids. As of today, 55 children are signed up to attend. More sitters may be needed.

No other committees had reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Meitler/Divine Renovation: There was discussion on what the book, Divine Renovation is about

and how it could be implemented on the PPC. This may be too difficult to completely be an objective for PPC with members serving only 3 year terms. Objective for the book says a Parish should be striving for belong, believe and become active where it used to be believe first. After much discussion, it was decided that Brent Harris and Kevin Ortmeier are going to meet with Fr. John Norman and discuss what he sees happening with the Meitler Study committee as it relates to Parish Pastoral Council.

Theme Implementation: After discussion and input from all representatives on what the next steps to promoting “Seeking True Happiness”, it was decided to do the following: 1. Create and provide laminated prayer cards with the prayer from the same book on pg.177. Lisa Seidl will work on design and check into cost. Prayer cards will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. Priests will announce this at Masses. 2. Insert “calls to action” referencing the book, *Resisting Happiness* provided to parishioners at Christmas. Mike Gawley will work on the bulletin messages for each week during Lent. 3. Lisa will ask for a prayer request on the Parish Prayer Chain. 4. Move logo up on the front of the website. Kathy will make this happen. 5. Look into putting logo up on the bulletin boards in Boland Hall especially during Lent and Fish Frys. Lisa will also price making posters. 6. Possibly create a “bubble” next to St. Patrick on the wall down to the Parish Center that says “Seeking True Happiness” in it.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Festival: The committee representatives of Paula Blackledge, Amy Cook, Lisa Kuehl & Carrie McLaughlin presented the idea of holding a Mass before the opening of the Parish Festival in August at 4:00 or 5:00 out on the soccer field to allow for an extra hour of the event. Chairs would be available on the field or attendees could bring blankets to sit on. Fr. Tom has to submit a written request with the Archbishop to change the time to 4:00 and to hold it outside. The Mass could still be held at 5:00 in the church if approval is not given. The committee will wait to hear back as to the status of the request before finalizing.

Alcohol Use Requests: The Parish Fall Festival Committee also asked to have a permit to serve alcohol at the event. All alcohol will be served only in the beer garden. There will be 3 off duty police officers on site. Signs will be posted about 21 & over requirement. Patrons will be allowed to walk the grounds with beer. There will not be a home brew competition due to new state laws banning it in this type of event. The band Lemon Fresh will be performing from 5 – 11 pm. Clean-up requests will go out to youth groups and other organizations. Brett Sims called for a motion to approve serving alcohol at the 2017 Parish Festival with the same limitations as the 2016 Parish Festival. Michele Zadalis seconded the motion. All approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Parish Mission is April 1st ,2nd ,3rd , & 4th using Deacon Glen Harmon.

There being no more business, Brett Sims asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Gawley seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm. Fr. Tom closed with a prayer.

Next meeting date Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00pm. (Note the change in week)

Secretary
Kathy Moritz