

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Thursday, March 2, 2017
7:00PM Room #223**

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

OTHERS PRESENT – Fr. Tom Fangman

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 February 9, 2017 PPC Minutes. Brett Sims noted a typo under New Business in the third line. Brett made a motion to approve the February minutes as corrected and Charles Olson seconded the motion. All approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RF: Ron Hawkins, RF Representative, was unable to attend the meeting so Kathy Moritz read a report that he emailed. The RF Spirit Auction Basket Theme was a "Hamilton Musical" Basket which included 2 round trip tickets to Chicago, 2 tickets to the Hamilton Musical, and dinner for 2 at an upscale Italian restaurant. RF students donated \$800 and the basket brought in \$2300 at auction. The Summer Faith Formation Program (SFF) is June 5th - 16th from 8:30am - Noon. There is discussion on ways to streamline the registration process for Summer Faith Formation. Possible suggestions for next Summer Faith Formation program: Hold registration on a Saturday from 8am to noon, where families are only allowed to register their own family. Also, have the RF Committee members help with the Saturday registration. The Staffing for 2017 SFF is 20 classrooms for grade 2 through Confirmation. Staffing for teachers is better this year than last year. Depending on construction, Mary McMahon will look into possibly opening additional classes for SFF. RF Administrative Assistant hired Crystal Lowman who will start on March 2nd, 2017. RF Committee decided with the construction and other priorities this summer, the Vacation Bible School will be canceled for summer of 2017 and will resume summer of 2018.

Finance: Mike Gawley presented a report from the Finance Committee. Overall, no new trends in numbers. There are many considerations being looked at in building the budget for 2017-2018 such as a 5% increase in health insurance, cost of operating the new activity center, a new facility manager position, technology upgrade, 150th Celebration expenses, to name a few. Brent talked with Vicki Payton and Finance Committee member, Justin Vossen, about adding in an amount for evangelization in the Parish.

No other committees had reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Meitler/Divine Renovation: Brent Harris and Kevin Ortmeier have not met with Fr. John Norman yet to discuss what he sees happening with the Meitler Study committee as it relates to the Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Tom said that Fr. John asked him to arrange a meeting time for them all to get together. That appointment discussion will be done after tonight's PPC meeting. Brent said he planned to suggest to the priests that there possibly could be a Parish Leaders Meeting to discuss the Meitler Study implementation. Brett offered the suggestion that a meeting be arranged with the Meitler Study group and the PPC after Brent and Kevin talk with Fr. John.

Theme Implementation: After discussion and input from all on what the next steps to promoting “Seeking True Happiness”, it was decided to do the following: 1. Add quote only on Facebook and Twitter from Dynamic Catholic “Best Lent Ever” series. 2. Send the theme information to RF to email out to families. Kathy already communicated this to Kelly Gibson to add to parent newsletter and post around the school so she will email RF the same information. 3. Brent will contact parishioner, Joe Gordon, who is an ambassador for Dynamic Catholic, about what Dynamic Catholic has to offer after Lent is over. 4. Charles will contact Jessica Pulte for leaders of various groups and then email them to encourage the incorporation of the Parish theme into their activities. 5. Fr. Tom will contact his friend in the sign business to ask if he can create a “Seeking True Happiness” sign for entrances. Weekly bulletin messages will continue throughout Lent for “Seeking True Happiness”. There are only a couple hundred prayer cards left out of 3000 following Ash Wednesday distribution. They were well received. Unfortunately, the deadline passed on being able to add the theme logo to Men’s Club Fish Fry t-shirts.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Elections: Brent presented the possibility of suspending an election for new Parish Pastoral Council members this Spring. By doing so, it would depend upon the three outgoing members, Mike Gawley, Lisa Seidl and Michele Zadalis, agreeing to remain on the council an additional year and all other members would be willing to serve one more year on their terms. Brent explained that with a new pastor and associate pastor joining the Parish in mid-2016, there has not been enough time for the PPC and Fr. Tom to be as effective as it could be in leading the Parish. Fr. Tom offered his support of this idea of suspending the by-laws of members serving 3 year terms so that he and the PPC can develop a stronger effort in the leadership of the Parish. After much discussion, Charles Olson made a motion to suspend the election for 2017 and to add an additional year onto all current members’ terms due to the transition of new priests joining the Parish. Mike Rasmussen seconded the motion. All approved.

Alcohol Use Requests: Mike Gawley requested that the Marriage and Enrichment group be allowed to serve alcohol during their program “5 Love Languages” by Susan Corpuz on April 29th, 2017. No alcohol will be sold. This event is open to all parishioners. No security guard is necessary. Mike Rasmussen made a motion to allow the Marriage and Enrichment group to serve alcohol at the April 29th, 2017 program. Charles Olson seconded. All approved.

The approval was followed by discussion of applying for a permanent liquor license for the Parish based on increased number of events, especially with the new Activity Center. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Tom announced that a new school principal has been hired. Her name is Kami Landenberger. She comes from Brownell Talbot and has 22 years of administrative experience. The school board and teachers assisted in the process of selecting the new principal from several strong candidates. She will start her position July 1st.

There being no more business, Brent Harris asked for a motion to adjourn. Brett Sims made a motion to adjourn. Mike Gawley seconded the motion. All approved. Fr. Tom closed with a prayer.

Next meeting date Thursday, April 13th, at 7:00pm.

Kathy Moritz, Secretary