

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT-Brent Harris, President, Michael Gawley, Ron Hawkins (RF Representative), Charles Olson II, Kevin Ortmeier, Mike Rasmussen, Lisa Seidl, Brett Sims, Michele Zadalis, Terry Krolikowski, Fr. Tom Fangman Vicki Payton, Business Manager, Nick Mumm Vice Principal. **Not Present:** Kathy Moritz

Gathering Together: Brent Harris opened the meeting and Fr. Tom led members in a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Brent then asked for approval of minutes. Brett Sims made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Kevin Ortmeier. All approved.

Alcohol Use Requests: No official requests, however it was noted that Trivia Night is scheduled for October 8th and participants are allowed to bring in their own beer/liquor. Further discussion/approval on Trivia Night alcohol request deferred until the September meeting. There was a question about the number of security guards required at an event and whether a uniformed security guard was required at every event that was serving/selling liquor. It was noted that this was discussed at the previous meeting and that the current policy is flexible and allows the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to determine the number needed and that has been interpreted to mean that the PPC can decide that no uniformed security guard is required.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign Update: 672 cards have been received and \$3,605,778.6 has been pledged. It is estimated that 1100 pledges are needed in order for St. Pat's to reach its goal of \$5.5 million. Vicki Payton gave PPC an update on the previous 2012 campaign which ended June 30, 2016. General feeling is that campaign went well. \$4 million was pledged. What with additional money coming in, net effect was that only \$31,000 was written off.

Construction Update-Parking Changes: The parking lot in front of the school has been fenced off and is now a construction zone. Vicki informed PPC members that following completion of the Activity Center, the parking lot will have to be replaced as the heavy equipment will have compromised the lot. All internal walls are up. There is still an additional 15 feet to go on the exterior walls.

School Drop off/pick up: School drop off/pick up plans are in place. Considerable adjustments have been made and it will be confusing the first couple of weeks.

North Sidewalk Update: There are still plans to complete the sidewalk to Larimore Street, (by the fire station) for the children being picked up in that area. Funds from the Shamrock Stride (scheduled September 16) will be used. The goal for the Shamrock Stride is \$35,000. The approximate cost of the sidewalk is \$7,800. It was noted that as the sidewalk would be a permanent alteration to the facility, approval by the PPC was needed. Brett Sims made motion to approve the sidewalk, seconded by Michele Zadalis, All approved

Land Purchase by fire station: It has been suggested that St. Patrick's investigate purchasing land by the fire station to use for additional parking. Nick Mumm noted that the owner is not interested in selling. St. Pat's can use the lot but must see to maintenance. Bethany Lutheran Church has also agreed to let some of their space be used for school dismissal pick-up.

Meitler Study: Discussion deferred. Newly elected members were given copies of the final report to review.

Rectory Update: All three priests are now moved in. Old rectory can now be sold.

Other?

New Business:

August 28th Installation of Fr. Tom as Pastor of St. Patrick's by Archbishop Lucas (12:30pm Mass)

Archbishop Lucas will be here at the 12:30pm mass on August 28th to install Fr. Tom as the new pastor. Following the mass, there will be a cookie reception to officially welcome Fr. Tom and Fr. John to St. Patrick's. Angie Arkfeld is heading up the reception.

Parish Council Goals for 2016/17/ Parish Council Recognition:

Brent Harris presented this item. He was concerned about how engage parishioners by knowing Jesus and therefore involve themselves in Parish Life. What can the Parish Pastoral Council do to get more people involved? It was noted that the Meitler Study has a number of pastoral recommendations for the parish and that any proposals/plans should incorporate/enhance the goals of the Meitler Study. It was also noted that St. Patrick's will be celebrating 150 years in 2018 and the lead up to the celebration may be a way to get parishioners engaged. Fr. Tom talked about "Circles" (small groups). Other parishes have established "Circles" and there are models out there that the parish can draw from. PPC members were also encouraged to show appreciation and acknowledge those who are already engaged in the parish. Considerable discussion followed. It was suggested that what the parish needed was a strategic plan to facilitate discussion. PPC members felt that there were parish members who had the skills to assist the PPC in developing a plan. Further discussion was deferred for subsequent meetings.

Activity Center: Fr Tom talked to members about recent meeting with the Foundation. Part of the discussion involved what to name the Activity Center. The Foundation proposed that the Center be named after the two young children who tragically died in June. Lane Graves and Aspen Seemann. Fr. Tom was already thinking along those lines. He and Fr. John set up a dinner with the two families (who had not previously met). The idea was presented to the families and both agreed. The formal name of the activity center will be the "Aspen Seemann & Lane Graves Activity Center". The center will be informally referred to as the "Aspen/Lane Center."

Other? Brett Sims mentioned that there will be a golf tournament at Indian Creek the week of July 17-22, 2017. The Men's Club is considering a "pay to park" plan. Could be a money maker for the parish. Men's Club will discuss further at subsequent meetings.

Committee reports/Group Contact Reports

RF –Ron Hawkins-The first year of the Summer Faith Formation program was considered a success and plans are to continue. There were 290 students enrolled in the program. Enrollment for the Wednesday night program is ongoing and is currently at 419. The program is anticipating another 150 student registering before the September 7th start date.

Confirmation dates have been confirmed by the Archbishop for May 15, 16 & 17, 2017.

All other committee reports deferred due to time constraints.

Coming Dates to Note:

August 17th School Resumes

August 27th Fall Festival

August 28th Elkhorn Community Blood Drive at St. Pat's

September 7th RF Resumes

There being no other business, meeting was adjourned. Next meeting date September 8, 2016.

Secretary –appointed

Terry Krolikowski