

St Ann Pastoral Council Minutes

February 3, 2019

Pastoral Council members met after the 10:00 Mass on February 3, 2019. Those in attendance were President Janine Girzadas, Phil Hargarten, Phil Farese, Jim Oates, Geoff Wendt, Nancy Kolasa, Bob Cattani, Mike Opat, Scott Stolarz & Father John. Members who were absent include, Diane Estep, Marylou Marshall, John Goldman.

Father John opened the meeting by leading the Council with a prayer at 11:27 am.

The minutes from November 18, 2018 were reviewed. Jim Oates motioned to approve the minutes and Mike Opat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janine asked for Commission reports from the Liaisons.

Christian Education and Formation: Father John reported the commission has three confirmed speakers for the Lenten program. A fourth speaker is being finalized.

Parish Life Commission: No report per Nancy Kolasa. Parish Life is on hiatus until March of 2019.

Peace and Social Justice Commission: No report.

Stewardship & Administration: Phil Farese reported a chalice was damaged and subsequently repaired.

Spirituality and Worship Commission: Father John reported Music Director Marsha Jerome along with assistance from St. Ann's Guild is working on sponsoring a parish trip to a Taize' event. The Taize' community is an ecumenical Christian monastic fraternity. More information will be provided in the future.

Scrip: The year end profit for 2018 was \$5,049.37. In 2017 the profit was \$5,763.97. Everyone is encouraged to buy scrip.

Old Business.

Geoff Wendt stated he will contact the Porter County code enforcement officer for an update on the progress of bringing the home that is west of the Church into compliance. It is believed there are several violations occurring on the property.

A lengthy discussion continued on the proposed Parish Hall. Scott Stolarz is beginning to work on proposed plans. Father John offered ideas of what he would like to be included in the proposed hall. Several options and ideas were discussed. It is anticipated a new septic system will need to be installed.

Bob Cattani reminded members that administration and utilities cost should be considered before the building is constructed. Volunteers will be needed. Jim Oates stated a policy or facility agreement will need to be made.

Synod 2017: Janine discussed the Synod "plan of action" insert for the bulletin with members. Janine along with the help of Scott Stolarz plans to have the insert completed this week. Father John and Jim Oates offered additional input for the insert.

New Business: Father John reminded members that Bishop Hying will visit St. Ann's on April 6, 2019. All members will attend the luncheon and meetings that will be held that day. The confirmation students will be holding their annual retreat that day. The Bishop is expected to attend the retreat.

Bob Cattani and Father John reported on the research they have conducted regarding updating the website. A lengthy discussion was then held regarding the website. Geoff Wendt offered to take pictures for the website. The updating of the website is part of the evangelization plan of action for Synod 2017.

Janine reminded members of meeting dates which include March 17, 2019, April 6, 2019, May 19, 2019.

Having no further business, Jim Oates motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Cattani seconded the motion. Motion carried. Father John closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Kolasa.

Minutes approved March 17, 2019 NK