

October 21, 2018

Pastoral Council members met after the 10:00 Mass on October 21, 2018. Those in attendance were President Janine Girzadas, Phil Hargarten, Nancy Kolasa, Bob Cattani, Mike Opat, Scott Stolarz, Jim Oates & Father John. Members who were absent include Phil Farese, Geoff Wendt, Diane Estep, Marylou Marshall, John Goldman and Youth Representative Kaylee Oates.

Father John opened the meeting by leading the Council with a prayer.

The minutes from September 16, 2018 were reviewed. Nancy Kolasa added one correction, the name of Diane Estep should be added and shown as absent. Jim Oates motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Mike Opat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janine asked for Commission reports from the Liaisons.

Christian Education and Formation: No report.

Parish Life Commission: Nancy Kolasa reported the Welcome Back to CCD Mass on September 23rd during the 10:00 Mass went well. Parish Life is on hiatus until March of 2019.

Peace and Social Justice Commission: No report but it was noted by Father John the Commission may be in need of some muscle power to load all of the food items, shoes and clothing items that have been collected. Members discussed a variety of options.

Stewardship & Administration: Mike Opat stated several more improvements have been made around the Church including installation of a new generator for the Parish House as well as several new trees have been planted. A new heavy duty leaf blower has been purchased and will soon be put to good use. Phil Hargarten stated he will add the final application of fertilizer to the Church lawn. Father John stated additional tree trimming is needed.

Spirituality and Worship Commission: No report. However Father John stated the ever popular Chili Lunch will be held on November 4th after the 10:00 Mass.

Scrip: Janine reviewed the annual scrip report provided by Sharon Ambrosic. The net profit between from January to September 30, 2018 is \$3,350.45.

Old Business In a follow up from a previous meeting discussion of a neighboring property on Golfwood Road, Father John stated that Geoff Wendt contacted the Porter County Building Department to discuss the property. It is possible a couple of violations have occurred. Geoff advised Father John he will continue to monitor the progress of the investigation. The property owner often blocks the road and there is a report of a business operation occurring.

Synod 2017: Janine reported the next step for Synod 2017 will be to inform the Parish of our "plan of action." Jim Oates stated he had attended a Diocesan meeting and several Churches in Michigan City had created a tri-fold insert for the bulletin. Jim said he would forward the brochure to Janine who will work with Father John and the other members of the Synod team in hopes of having the brochure ready by December.

Treat Coordinator Father John was excited to report that Matt and Cindy Block have agreed to become the new Treat Coordinators. They will work in tandem with Karen Erminger who will order supplies as well as a couple of other volunteers who will assist them when needed. Bob Cattani said he recently went over procedures and training with Matt and Cindy. Pastoral Council members were extremely pleased.

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New Business Janine reviewed the Pastoral Council meeting dates. The following dates are set. November 18, 2018, December 16, 2018, January 27, 2019, March 17, 2019, April 6, 2019, May 19, 2019.

Jim Oates reported that Kaylee Oates will no longer be able attend meetings as the Youth Representative and is resigning.

Jim also proposed having a movie night during Advent. The program went over well last year.

Father John shared a future endeavor he would like to see happen at St. Ann's, the possibility of building a Parish Hall. He would like to see the proposed hall connected to the Church and estimates the hall would be able to hold around 200 people. He explained it would be so much easier to hold community events such as the Pancake Breakfast and the Chili Lunch as well as other future events if St. Ann's had a Parish Hall. Council members offered several options and ideas. Bob Cattani raised the concern of maintenance costs once the building was completed. The hall could also be used as a warming or emergency shelter if needed for the community.

Having no further business, Father John closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Kolasa. Upcoming meeting dates are December 16, 2018 & January 27, 2019.