

## St Ann Pastoral Council Minutes

November 18, 2018

Pastoral Council members met after the 10:00 Mass on November 18, 2018. Those in attendance were President Janine Girzadas, Phil Hargarten, Geoff Wendt, Nancy Kolasa, Bob Cattani, Mike Opat, Scott Stolarz & Father John. Members who were absent include Phil Farese, Diane Estep, Marylou Marshall, Jim Oates, John Goldman and Youth Representative Kaylee Oates.

Father John opened the meeting by leading the Council with a prayer at 11:25 am.

The minutes from October 21, 2018 were reviewed. Geoff Wendt motioned to approve the minutes as corrected and Scott Stolarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janine asked for Commission reports from the Liaisons.

**Christian Education and Formation:** No report. Father John said the commission will soon work on selecting Lenten speakers for 2019.

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

**Peace and Social Justice Commission:** No report. Father John noted the Advent Food Drive will begin soon.

**Stewardship & Administration:** Janine asked if any additional help is needed with Christmas preparations such as decorating the Church and grounds. Bob Cattani is researching for new prelit trees for inside of the Church. Father John reported a new Nativity has been purchased for inside of the Church. After continued discussion, a date of December 1<sup>st</sup> was set for decorating the Church. Janine indicated her son, Peter and friends will help as well as Phil Hargarten, Mike Opat, Terry Kolasa, Bob Cattani and Mark Graff.

Mike Opat stated the gas heaters are installed and working in the pole barn.

**Spirituality and Worship Commission:** No report. Janine commended the success of the Chili Lunch held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Scrip:** No report.

**Old Business** Geoff Wendt said he has contacted Porter County code enforcement regarding the property west of the Church on Golfwood Rd. PC code enforcement indicated letters have been sent but that it is a slow process to bring properties into compliance. Geoff said he will continue to follow up with Porter County.

A lengthy discussion continued on the proposed Parish Hall. Several options and ideas were discussed. Father John stated a lot of planning and research still needs to be made and the hall is only in a discussion phase. Bob Cattani stated administration and utilities cost should be considered before the building is constructed.

**Synod 2017:** Janine discussed the Synod "plan of action" insert for the bulletin with members. Bob Cattani suggested the insert should be placed in bulletin at least two times. Father John reminded members that Bishop Hying will visit St. Ann's on April 6, 2019. All members are asked to attend the luncheon and meetings that will be held that day.

**New Business:** Due to Christmas scheduling conflicts, Janine announced the December 16<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council meeting is cancelled. Next council meeting date is January 27, 2019. Other 2019 dates are: March 17, 2019, April 6, 2019, May 19, 2019.

Having no further business, Father John closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Kolasa.