

St Ann Pastoral Council Minutes

March 17, 2019

Pastoral Council members met after the 10:00 Mass on March 17, 2019. Those in attendance were President Janine Girzadas, Phil Farese, Geoff Wendt, Nancy Kolasa, Bob Cattani, Mike Opat, Scott Stolarz & Father John. Members who were absent include, Diane Estep, Marylou Marshall, John Goldman, Phil Hargarten and Jim Oates.

Father John opened the meeting by leading the Council with a prayer at 11:30 am.

The minutes from February 3, 2019 were reviewed. Mike Opat motioned to approve the minutes and Phil Farese seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Janine provided updates for the various commissions.

Christian Education and Formation: The Lenten speaker sessions are currently in progress and going well.

Parish Life Commission: Nancy stated the members are collecting plastic eggs and candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Easter Sunday after the 10:00 Mass.

Peace and Social Justice Commission: The Lenten Food drive benefiting the Westchester Food Pantry is in full swing. They are collecting canned foods, paper products and scrip grocery cards.

Stewardship & Administration: No report at this time.

Spirituality and Worship Commission: No report at this time.

Scrip: No report at this time. Members were updated in February.

Old Business.

Father John reminded members that Bishop Hying will visit St. Ann's on April 6, 2019. All members are invited to attend the luncheon and meetings that will be held that day. Father John plans to update the Bishop on the various activities held at St. Ann's.

Scott Stolarz provided some preliminary plans and information for the proposed Parish Hall. A lengthy discussion was held regarding various options such as space use, policy plans, costs and feasibility for the building. Scott stated he would email his proposed information to members. Father John discussed the importance of a policy plan and the management of the building. Bob Cattani feels a use policy should be in place prior to the construction of the building. The policy could be posted on the website eliminating some phone inquiries. Janine will coordinate with Father John drafting a policy plan.

Synod 2017:

Janine and Father John reviewed the Synod "plan of action" insert for the bulletin with members. Some additional updates were added. Scott and Janine will update the current brochure and it will be ready in a couple of weeks.

New Business:

Father John updated members about the petition drive that is currently in progress regarding the property west of the Church on Golfwood Rd. The petitions along with a letter from our attorney will be sent to the Porter County Commissioners asking for enforcement of the code violations occurring on the property. Father is hopeful a resolution to the constant hazards and unsightly junk around the property will finally be found.

Bob Cattani and Father John provided members with information regarding the update of the Church website. Progress is going well and much work has been completed by the website company, Bob and Father John. An official roll out of the website will be made in the upcoming weeks. Website information will be placed in the bulletin.

Janine reminded members of the upcoming meeting dates of April 6, 2019 and May 19, 2019.

Having no further business, Janine adjourned the meeting. Father John closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Kolasa.