

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

Father Mark, Jan Morey, Mike Saunders, Alicia Hayes, Bob Bender, Chris Donnelly, Ken Mark, Dave Hernandez, Joann Acinger-Vancas, Kathleen Breuer, Nancy Lanza, Jennifer Eastes, Mike Davenport and Grant Thome were in attendance.

Father Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. The November minutes were approved as written.

Finance Committee: During the first half of our fiscal year, we experienced a positive cash flow of \$15,000 in comparison to last year. This excess money, currently held in checking, will be transferred to the Parish Savings account to earn interest, and will be saved for negative cash flow needs that may arise throughout the second half of the fiscal year. Envelope collections are approximately \$12,000 more this year than the past year. This is an indicator that we have more registered families utilizing the envelopes instead of putting money anonymously in the plate.

Religious Education: The Christmas party for Kindergarten-5th grade was a great success! Youth Group members hosted the party and there were 35 children in attendance. Plans are already being made for the 2017 Christmas party – and will be held on the first Saturday of December. Bingo prize donations are steadily coming in and details for the fundraiser are coming together. The confirmation class will attend Mass at St. John's in Kansas City this Sat., Jan. 14, followed by bowling. The next Youth Group service project is scheduled for Tues., Feb. 14 at Good Shepherd Thrift Store.

Facilities Report: Mike Davenport reports the repair cost for the broken fire protection water pipe was \$730. Mike made a motion to place a memo by each thermostat in the building. This motion was approved by the council. The memo will state that the thermostat setting must remain at a minimum of 68 degrees to prevent frozen pipes. A request was also made to remind all church members that the cloth-covered chairs should not be placed side-by-side in the worship center in order to prevent pinched hands and fingers. A standard plastic chair should be placed between the cloth-covered chairs. Please do not use cloth-covered chairs for events involving food. Finally, lawn mowing bids for the sodded areas around the church will be available beginning in February, with a goal of having an approved bid no later than mid-March.

Guest Appeals: Grant Thome, in representation of the Stewardship Committee, requested money from the parish to fund the Spring Stewardship Renewal Conference on Fri., April 21, and Sat., April 22. The focus of the Stewardship Committee will be "hospitality" this year. A motion was made to approve the said expenses to host the conference. The motion was seconded and carried. Grant also recommended that the parish starts a YouTube account, which would include videos of previous speakers and the events of our parish to share with the community. Grant will work with Father Mark on the specifics of this project.

Father Mark closed with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Mon., Feb. 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th-grade classroom.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 28 – Bingo, doors open at 5:30 p.m,

Jan. 29 – WinterJam

Feb. 4 – Cookies, Punch & Reconnecting, after 4 p.m. Mass

Feb. 5 – Stewardship Sunday gathering, after both Masses

March 1 – Ash Wednesday, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Masses

April 8 – Parish Clean-up, 8 a.m.