

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017

Attending: Father Mark, Bob Bender, Bill Graveman, Alicia Hayes, Paula Zishka, Jan Morey, Dave Hernandez, Chris Donnelly, Ken Mark, Joanne Acinger-Vancas, Kathleen Breuer, Gloria Reischman, Jennifer Eastes, Nancy Lanza and Mike Davenport.

Father Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. The January minutes were approved.

Finance Committee: The parish has a positive cash flow as compared to financials one year ago. Church envelope collections have increased by 11% from 2016, while plate cash has decreased. This is an indicator that more parishioners are utilizing the tithing envelopes. Overall collections has seen a 4% increase since January 2016. Kathleen and Betty were switched in December to the salaried non-exempt classification, in response to the U.S. Department of Labor's new Overtime Rule, however; this rule is currently pending enactment due to a nationwide injunction issued by a Texan judge. The September audit report from the archdiocese has 9 of 13 items for compliance completed with four items in progress. Members of the Finance Committee will soon begin a prefeasibility study to obtain updated figures on the cost of building the new church.

Parish Office: Betty Bremenkamp requests the council to consider purchasing or borrowing microphones for events outside of Mass. Paula Zishka states she has this type of equipment if the church needs to borrow. Bill Graveman indicated the Youth Group also has access to some equipment.

Religious Education: The BINGO profit \$5,200! The retreat for confirmation kids was a success thanks to the Benedictine students and their awesome program. A movie/game night is scheduled for Fri., Feb. 24. An outing to PowerPlay is scheduled for Fri., March 10. All parishioners are invited to walk in the annual Tonganoxie St. Patrick's Day parade on Sat., March 11. A scavenger hunt is scheduled for March 15. Nancy and Jennifer are looking for ways to help high school youth become more involved next school year -- watch for announcements.

Facilities Committee: The microphone system in the worship center has been repaired. Plans are being made to rent a lift and replace all light bulbs in the church parking lot in the spring. Lawn mowing bids will be presented at next council meeting.

Old Business: Bill Graveman is putting together a presentation on the information gathered regarding a preschool at the parish in the future. He will present this information at the March meeting.

New Business: None presented.

Alicia Hayes is still working on selling the quilting frame.

Bill Graveman has contacted the music department at Benedictine college inquiring about music students assisting with our music ministry and no one was interested at this time.

Father Mark closed with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Mon., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classroom.

### Upcoming Events:

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

**March 3 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 4 – 7 p.m. (and every Friday during Lent)**

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

**March 5 – Stewardship Sunday gathering, after both Masses (Altar Society hosting)**

**April 8 – Parish cleanup day 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.**