

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 13, 2018

**Attendees:** Fr. Mike and council members Janet Campbell, Sue Manning, Tom Weathers, Cheryl DeVillier, Mark Dodge, Mary Lou Hamlin, Christie Feuerborn, Mark Schieferecke, and Tina Jinkens

**Opening Prayer:** led by Fr. Mike

**Knights of Columbus Update:**

Tom reported that Turkey Bingo attendance was slightly down and that all proceeds will go to assist seminarians.

**St. Theresa's Update:**

- Meeting is Wednesday
- The Christmas party will be on December 2.
- Caroling is December 16.
- Please read meeting minutes on website for further information.

**Finance Council Update:**

- Father Mike reported that parishioners responded favorably to the request to increase monthly gifts by \$7.
- Holy Family received an award at the Call to Share dinner at Savior of the World Pastoral Center for being one of the original parishes to have an endowment.
- After discussion, the pastoral council voted to recommend canceling the personal property insurance coverage for the rectory. The council voted to keep the replacement cost coverage for the old stone church.
- See minutes on website for finance council meeting details.

**Thank You Letters:**

Letter to Warren-McElwain for our 2019 calendars and to a parishioner for raking leaves.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Church Windows Water Leak:**

The warranty for the replacement church windows will be received soon.

**Basement Water Leak:**

Bushes have been removed and transplanted so that work can begin. Work was rain delayed. Richard Campbell is following up.

#### **Welcome Bags Insert:**

It was recommended that the physical address of the new church be added along with the mailing address.

#### **Historical Registry:**

- Janet Campbell reported that the application is about 90% complete.
- Kansas Humanities recommended finding out the date the steeple was removed. Janet has a picture with the steeple, but the date is difficult to read. Janet believes the steeple may have been removed in 1959 because Eudora did not have a newspaper then.

#### **Key Policy:**

- All parishioners known to have keys were emailed.
- A second email will be sent to those who have not responded.
- Will reach out personally to anyone we know who doesn't respond.

#### **Postcards to Parishioners:**

Will be discussed at next meeting since the deadline to reply is November 30.

#### **Buildings and Grounds Committee:**

- This will be an advisory committee that Father Mike envisions will meet once a month and prioritize what should be accomplished now and in the future.
- Tom Weathers will chair this committee. The chair will not have a vote.
- Father is currently contacting potential members and will give Tom their names when the list is finalized.

#### **Stain Glass Windows Thank You and Recognition:**

- The recognition will take place at the 5 p.m. Mass on November 24.
- St. Theresa's is planning the reception following Mass.
- Information will be in the next bulletin.

#### **Spanish Speaking Mass:**

- One parishioner sent an email saying that this is not needed. Cheryl heard from two other parishioners against having a Spanish speaking Mass because of the priests' commitments and area churches that offer a Spanish Mass. Tom heard from a parishioner who would rather see another English Mass.

- Father Mike advised no Spanish Mass at this time because of others in the area and the finances.
- The council voted with eight opposed and one in favor of a Spanish speaking Mass.

#### **Calendars:**

- The pastoral council recommended combining the Ministry Fair and the Fall Picnic and chose a date of September 21, 2019.
- Turkey Bingo will be November 16, 2019.
- Dates will be checked with Angie. Scheduling is being done now to ensure that the hall is reserved in advance for our parish events.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Church Bells:**

- Janet met someone who may be able to help with repairing the church bells.

##### **Joint Councils Planning, 2019:**

February 23 is suggested and will be submitted to finance council to check the date.

##### **Parishioner Survey:**

Cheryl shared one from Concordia and will redraft for our use.

##### **New Parishioner Welcome Reception:**

We will not schedule another one. We will continue to use the welcome bags.

##### **Christmas or Easter Gifts for Parishioners:**

Father is ordering books to be given during Advent.

##### **FORMED:**

Pastoral council members recommended subscribing to FORMED for the parish. Sue has researched the costs and will help to order the subscription. Fr. Mike to take to the finance council.

##### **iGiveCatholic:**

Donations will go toward the Father Pat Educational Center and the church loan payment. Father Mike said that he must have needed to make a decision.

##### **Classrooms:**

- Request a proposal from Molly that includes numbers for furniture needed.

- Further discussion included questions about number and usage of rooms.
- Tom recommended that as soon as we receive confirmation that the water leaks have stopped, construction should begin.

Next Meeting on December 11 at 6 p.m.

(Submitted by Tina Jinkens)