

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 11, 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 was not at the last meeting and the Knights do not meet in December. Please read meeting minutes on the website for information.
- Cheryl plans to check in January to find out about the Fish Fry schedule.

**St. Theresa's Update:**

- Does not meet in December.
- The Christmas party auction was well attended.
- Caroling is December 16.
- Please read meeting minutes on website for further information.

**Finance Council Update:**

- Amounts of required assessments from the archdiocese will be made available to parishioners.
- The pastoral council voted to keep the same insurance coverage on the old church until a discussion at the joint council meeting.
- A piano was offered by a parishioner for approximately \$900. Fr. Mike needed to make a decision and chose to purchase it at the recommendation of Maggie and Rose. Pastoral council members expressed concern about its quality, where the digital piano will be moved, and losing features of the digital piano such as transposing. The decision to have a plaque for the stained glass windows was an exception and the council has been opposed to placing names on donated items.
- the Finance Council approved the program, FORMED.
- See minutes on website for Finance Council meeting details.

**Thank You Letters:**

- Letter to a parishioner for cleaning in the old church.
- Letter to a parishioner who decorated the trees and smoke house in the cemetery.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Church Basement Water Leak:**

Work has not yet begun, so Fr. Mike plans to make appropriate calls.

**Historical Registry for stone church:**

- Janet reported that she shared the rough draft with a friend at the historical society who provided recommended changes. Janet said that it will not be completed in January.

**Key Policy:**

- We are down to four or five parishioners who have not responded. Cheryl will see if she can connect with them this weekend and will follow up with Fr. Mike. Otherwise, this task is mostly completed.

**Letters to Parishioners to update contact information:**

- Parishioners returned 191 postcards of the approximately 300 that were sent.
- Five showed interest in being more involved.
- Four asked to be removed from the mailing list.
- Council members agreed to call those who have not yet returned postcards.
- Fr. Mike will connect with Angie for names and phone numbers.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:**

- Tom reported that seven people volunteered for the committee.
- The first meeting will be held on December 18 at 6:00 PM in the upper parish hall.
- This will be an introductory meeting with descriptions of tasks.
- Mary Lou suggested that all committees should have the opportunity to meet with the pastoral council on a regular basis to express concerns. Council members decided that this was a good topic of discussion for the joint council meeting.

**Joint Council Planning Meeting**

- Cheryl has not heard back from the Finance Council about whether February 23 will work.
- We will tentatively keep this date open to hold the meeting from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Parishioner Survey**

- The draft survey that Cheryl emailed looked good to everyone.
- The survey will be placed in the bulletin as an insert for two weekends in January so that we receive replies prior to the February meeting and the joint council planning meeting.
- Extras will be placed on the shelf at the back of the church and in the pews.
- Pencils will be provided in the pews.
- Fr. Mike will make an announcement to explain.

**Christmas Gifts**

A book will be given to parishioners at this weekend's Masses (December 15-16).

**Education Center Furnishings**

- Tom provided a diagram of rooms with needed furnishings.
- Because of the water leaks, resuming construction is delayed.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee will come up with prices for furnishings.
- Mark Dodge had recommendations for projection screens and WiFi access.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nativity Scene at Old Church**

- Janet shared that when she asked about putting up the nativity scene at the old church, she was told that it may need to be placed in the location of the church office/parish hall and new church.
- Council members did not express strong opinions about where it should be placed but shared concerns about the baby Jesus having been stolen in the past.
- Some members thought there were two scenes, so Janet will look into this.

### **Update of Parish Sign**

The finance council approved adding to the sign the 9 a.m. Mass times on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### **Parish Mission**

- The council voted unanimously to have a parish mission if the finance council approves.
- Fr. Mike estimates the cost at about \$1000.
- Fr. Mike will check to schedule someone possibly for Lent of 2020.

### **Employee Evaluations**

- Pastoral Council members are asked to evaluate the seven employees and Fr. Mike.
- Provide applicable evaluations to Fr. Mike in sealed envelopes by December 31.
- Do not sign the evaluations.

### **Use of Parish Hall**

- The council voted with one abstention not to wave the rental fee for a fundraiser for the Eudora High School all night prom.

### **Parishioner Email about Locking of Doors During Mass**

- The council members received an email expressing a parishioner's disagreement about locking the doors during Mass.
- The council voted with all in favor of continuing to lock the doors and Fr. Mike will follow up with the parishioner.
- Tom will compose wording for a sign to be placed on the back door directing people to the front doors.

### **Resignation of Council Member**

- Sue will be resigning as of January because her family will be moving to a new parish near their home. Thank you to Sue for her service.
- Cheryl will show Fr. Mike the election tally sheet and Fr. Mike will appoint a new member to complete Sue's term.

### **Crack in the Floor**

- Mary Lou expressed concern that the crack in the floor of the church appears to be growing.

- Fr. reported that the builder says everything is normal.
- The council agreed to have an independent opinion.
- Janet will ask her son who is a civil engineer dealing with cement.

Next Meeting on January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

(Submitted by Tina Jinkens)