

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
November 28, 2016
Approved

Present: Joe Mezzoni, Jim Creighton, Norma Folz, Sarah Kranz, Libby Downs, Fr Al Bremer, Fr Basilio Az Cuc, Fr Richard Meredith, Gary Harden, Fran Marko.

Absent: Robin Bilan, Rose McClurg.

Joe Mezzoni called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Prayer: Father Richard led the members in the Parish Prayer.

Scripture: Norma Folz **Next Month:** Libby Downs

Formation: Sarah Kranz **Next Month:** Jim Creighton

The October, 2016 minutes were approved by motion of Norma Folz and second of Gary Harden..

Diocesan Assessment: Father Richard

- Current balance is updated in the bulletin weekly and continues to decline gradually.
- The Disciples Response Fund goal for our parish has been reached and 50% of any excess will come back to the parish.
- Cash flow is down for November and Finance Committee will have a report in January.

Capital Campaign: Father Richard

- The capital donations and balance are updated in the bulletin weekly.
- The pledges are being maintained.

Stained Glass: Father Richard

- The Grace window is installed and there are 6 clerestory windows next to it that have been paid. The exact subjects have not been decided. This puts total of 9 clerestory windows.
- Progress continues with commitment for 2 more windows in the Narthex.
- Drawings for the great window continue to progress. It will probably be a year before it is finished and installed.

Parish Events and Fundraising: Libby Downs

- Trivia night was a joint fund raiser and raised \$1400 for each group (School and Youth). Another one is being planned for March.
- St. Mary's bookstore and Bethlehem Families will be here in Advent.
- Christmas bazaar was a success and raised \$1400 of which \$1200 will go to the assistance program.
- The Christmas gift from the parish to each family is going to be Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly. These were purchased using a Year of Mercy Grant from the Diocese.

School: Sarah Kranz

- Mid-South Leadership Conference completed and showed just how important it is to get a Catholic Education.
- School is in its second 9 weeks and the year is progressing quickly.
- Basketball season is starting and there is a lot of participation.
- Upcoming events include the celebration of St. Nicholas, Piano Recital and Story of the Nativity.

Liaison Reports:

Hispanic: Father Basilio

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena is set with one family hosting per night.
- Lady of Guadalupe committee is enthusiastic about the amount of people involved and progress toward the celebration.
- Christmas Las Posadas which recalls Mary and Joseph looking for a place in Bethlehem is in process.
- Prayer service on January 3rd to show immigrants we are a support for them.

Administration Joe Mezzoni

- Finance Committee to meet this week.
- School building on schedule.
- Sts. Peter & Paul Thrift store covered expenses.
- Gretchen and crew have been working hard maintaining the plots.
- Brenda and Tom Buerhle working on decreasing budget by \$25000.

Education: Libby Downs

- Middle School and High School youth put together and delivered 34 tins of cookies to home bound and Nursing Home parishioners.
- 9 individuals are currently participating in RCIA. (6 regularly, 2 sporadically and 1 from home due to work schedule)

Spiritual Life: Jim Creighton

- Adoration: going well, people not able to make their obligation should call the captains.
- Jim Monroe leading a group in the Robert Barren program.

Family Life: Gary Harden

- One bereavement meal past month.
- College student care packages will go out tomorrow – 51 of them.
- No families receiving meals.

Worship: Norma Folz

- December 8th is a Holy Day and the Jubilee of Mercy ends.
- Christmas masses set for 4pm, and midnight and 8 pm in Spanish on December 24th and 9 am on December 25th.
- Penance service set for December 18th at 6 pm.
- Ministry of Praise and Mercy includes a Home bound group of parishioners that pray 1 hour daily.

Social Concerns: Rose McClurg

- Right to Life March in Washington set for January 27th and Bill and Jenny Rush will participate.
- K of C – Distributing bags at Mass for food baskets for Christmas and baskets to be delivered 12/17. Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest is open to all parish children.
- Card Ministry sent out 123 birthday cards.
- Angel tree has 360 tags on it with another 150 to be placed.
- The Ultrasound purchased for Alpha Alternative will be dedicated 11/30 at Alpha Alternative.

New Business:

- Rose McClurg has resigned from the Parish Council as she is moving from Hopkinsville and the replacement Margaret Nosbusch will accept the appointment.
- Parish Council Christmas party is set for December 15th at 6:30 pm.

Pastor's Comments:

- A Solar Eclipse Committee has been formed including Lynn Hentsley, Jane Irwin and Vickie Kinnard.
- Byron Macias will be ordained here at Saints Peter and Paul in June, 2017.

Closing Prayer:

Father Al ended the meeting with a prayer at 6:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday **January 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Annex**

The next executive meeting is scheduled for **January 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room**

Respectfully submitted by Fran Marko