

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2017**

Present at the meeting were Fr. Metz, Members: Luke Hood, Susan Hubert, Brent Phillips, Carrie Williams, Amy Jackson, Steve Nyswonger, Cheryl Madden, Jeff Buckley, and Bernard Newell; Tammy Zimmerman was absent. Lindy Meyer was also present.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hood at 7:30 p.m. followed by Fr. Metz reading a passage from Holy Scripture and offering a prayer as to the Baptism of Jesus.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

The minutes of December 12, 2016, were amended to read 12 viz 7. The minutes were then approved as amended.

Chairman Hood advanced the Religious Education and Family Life reports on the agenda as Lindy Meyer was present for an oral report; a summation of the report is attached to these minutes. Lindy addressed at length the use of two classrooms on the east side (older part) of the RE Building and behavior problems of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

An at length discussion was had between the council, Lindy and Fr. Metz. It was suggested to Lindy to make sure that the rooms were safe pursuant to City codes, insurance coverage is available, and is cost feasible. She and Fr. Metz would be the persons to ultimately make the decision.

A lengthy discussion was had concerning the behavior problems and the use of social media in exasperating some of the inappropriate behavior. If a written procedure is in existence for remedial action or dismissal it should be followed by the RE department; in all instances Fr. Metz will be the final arbiter.

Reports from Councils and Organizations were received:

Finance Council minutes of December 12, 2016, were reviewed. Particular note was given to the remaining Parish Tax due the Diocese and the final insurance installment payment; both due in June.

Altar Society: Susan Hubert reported that no meeting was had.

K of C report: Fr. Metz had nothing to report.

Old Business: Calendar: Set bazaar date as soon as practicable with an emphasis of scheduling in the same time of October every year so that information is available when the annual calendar (July through June) is prepared by all of the parishes pastored by the Pastor of OLPH. Mardi Gras should be set annually on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. Members signed up to supply the items for the Deep meal on January 25 to be delivered between 6:20p.m. and 6:30p.m. A copy is attached to these minutes.

New Business: None

Future Business: None

**Next Meeting February 13, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.** Adjournment at 9:25 p.m. with prayer led by Fr. Metz.

Submitted by Steve Nyswonger

## Religious Education & Family Life February 2017 Report

### CCD K-8

- Wednesday Night Dinner this week at 6pm with vegetable soup and dump cake
- First Confession went well, couple students unable to attend and will make up on their own during Saturday confessions
- Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation students this Sunday at 9am Mass
- Youth Mass was this weekend. Participation is minimal. High school youth do a very nice job reading.
- All parents were sent the Policy Manual, directing them to discipline policy and notified that we need their help in encouraging students to have proper behavior, etc.
- Two dads have been asked to also sit in on 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to help with supervision.
- Due to lack of participation the last couple of years, Rice Bowls will be done through the parish, not through RE Program this year.

### The Deep

- March for Life was a great trip. Many wonderful experiences. Kids were great!
- Taking 15 youth to Underground night of prayer at Benedictine College on February 18.
- Fr. Joshua Werth speaking to 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade students February 22 on dangers of dabbling in the occult. From student questions and discussions, this is a serious topic that needs to be discussed.
- Thank you for the potato bar supper! Students enjoyed it.

### Family Life

- God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage February 25 & March 25
- Oremus Prayer study scheduled for Lent
- Will try Vocations Prayer Chain in Lent – unable to have during Advent due to lack of interest
- You're Worth It! Women's Retreat with Danielle Bean scheduled for April 1
- Encourage everyone to log on to formed.org with parish access code XB4ZTJ to take advantage of programs available