

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

PRESENT: Fr. Mike Ingold, Dave Raupp, Marty Borowicz, Karen Palluconi, Dr. Jane Jelinek, Craig Fletcher, Chris Steffes, JoAnn Euclide, Chris Diederich, Bernie Selk (note-taking for Joan Baker)
EXCUSED, Judy Schroeder, Joan Ladwig, Joan Baker, Darrell Lubenow, Jules Bader, Mary Ann Rankin, Dennis Amtmann

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Dave Raupp at 7:35 PM. Dave read an opening prayer. JoAnn shared the saying that we should plan our calendars in pencil, because God has an eraser. Dave suggested that it isn't necessary to read the Mission and Vision Statements every month.

ADOPT AGENDA: Craig Fletcher made a motion to adopt the agenda and JoAnn Euclide seconded the motion.

REVIEW MINUTES: The November minutes were approved, with one correction – add Christine Diederich as present, with a motion by Chris Steffes, which was seconded by Marty Borowicz.

REVIEW MINISTRY REPORTS:

Finance –Has the return on investment (time and expenses) of a 2 day versus 1-day picnic been reviewed? Saturday events operated at a loss last year. Discussion commenced about the reasons—may vary from year to year. The head of the picnic, Jeremy, is adamant about keeping the Saturday activities. We had a \$1,000 contribution towards the cost of the two bands for the picnic. Karen pointed out that beverage expenses exceeded receipts and wondered why. December receipts were up, so our budget is balanced at this time. One parishioner gave a large donation. The calendar sales garnered a \$600 profit, as opposed to the usual \$5,000. This lower profit may be explained in part by a lowering of the price from \$25 to \$20 for each calendar. We are set to have calendar sales again in 2018. Keith Vanden Heuvel will head it. The Finance committee will address the calendar sales next month.

Worship –Wayne Efferson made new Advent candles with basic white candles wrapped in colored beeswax sheets. Steve Barnes then decorated the candles. Decorations were put up on November 27th and taken down before Christmas decorations were put up on December 17th. Christmas décor was taken down January 8th. Goals are the same as last year, as approval for a fundraiser for the organ voices has to be gotten. The chimes have been purchased.

Family Life –Community Outreach plans will be shared next month by JoAnn Euclide. There was a little confusion as to whether the Family Life and Social Concerns should merge. Father Mike said that the merger was up to the ministries.

Faith Formation –The accreditation program is on hold because of the reorganization taking place in the diocese. A trip to the Holy Land in 2019 has been put on hold of safety concerns, now that the U.S. Embassy is in a politically-uncertain Jerusalem.

Goal Setting -PPC is still looking for some Ministry goals. Marty Borowicz suggested that goals can be longer term (2-3 years). JoAnn Euclide mentioned that there could be a combination of longer, intermediate, and short term. Craig Fletcher stated that the vision of a group is different than a goal. Dave Raupp reminded the group that PPC has established three Parish goals: Meet Parishioners' needs, Outreach and Evangelize.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shelter Meal: Scheduled for March 24, 2018. Joan Baker will coordinate and communicate procedure to volunteers. There is still a need for canned fruit and desserts or cash donations to help defray costs. Chris Steffes will bring bars, Chris Diederich will bring canned fruit and Craig Fletcher will write a check to help defray the costs to Nativity.

Publication of PPC Minutes: Copies are available at the entrances of the church and on the church website. Announcement also in bulletin that minutes are available. Suggestion made to also include on screen announcements before masses. This will assist in one of the identified PPC tasks "to be more visible to parish".

Solicitation of Parishioners' Comments: Process document and form was reviewed. PPC members will wear name tags and be available at the church exits before and after Masses on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of each month for questions and comments by Parishioners. The first weekend selected was January 27th and 28th. PPC members are to let Dave Raupp know what Mass they are able to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Faith Formation Accreditation has been placed on hold because of the reorganization of the Diocese.

The Alpha Program Training: The new Diocesan program was explained by Father Mike. Dr. Bob, Stephanie, Chris S. and Deacons Mike and John will be facilitators. (Eleven 1 ½ hour sessions using videos) will be offered during the day and evening to reach the staff and the Finance and Parish Pastoral Council members. This training is relationship building, looking at the basic beliefs of the church. Chris Steffes will contact PPC members to set up training. The National Catholic Church is watching the Green Bay Diocese's progress with this program.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Date/Time Change: Father Mike suggested that PPC meet earlier in the evening, so that everyone would be clear and alert in their thinking. The fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM was agreed upon. Future meeting dates include February 22, March 22, April 26, and May 24.

Stewardship Fair: It is on the PPC task list to assist Stewardship Ministry in recruiting more volunteers for the Parish. We are looking for two PPC members to brainstorm ideas with Stewardship Ministry for the Fair on April 28-29. Contact Dave Raupp if interested.

Security of Church Buildings: Discussion led by Fr. Mike concerning Church buildings security. The office security is of utmost importance. Since so many people have access to the building with keys, the office per se will need to be secured by changing the locks, as any business would be secured. Groups meeting in the church after hours will need a staff member to check the doors when the group or groups leave for the night.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM with a prayer.

Next meeting will be **Thursday, February 22nd, 2018.**

Respectfully Submitted
Bernie Selk