

## Minutes from January 16, 2020

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Present: Deacon John, Tim Yohe, Todd Bircher, Ken Amend, Mary Bankston

I. Opening Prayer led by Deacon John

II. Minutes from November Approved

III. Parish Finances:

- With church repairs needed, finances are still a concern. Still waiting to apply for the \$25,000 Archdiocesan emergency grant. Need clarification on whether or not the roof repair and the tuck pointing can be considered one job. A parish can only apply for one emergency grant per year so would like to be able to apply for the maximum.
- Immaculate Conceptions responsibility for paying a portion of Fr. Pete's salary & benefits is being lowered. The adjustment will be made retroactive until mid-November when Msg. Morris was no longer celebrant at the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass.
- Parish Nurse, Kathleen O'Reilly will be cutting her hours to part time, salary will be adjusted accordingly. Kathleen administers to the home bound of our parish; organizes blood drives, the exercise program, blood pressure checks; writes health related articles for the bulletin; arranges speakers to discuss various health related topics.

IV. Updates from Deacon John:

- Archdiocese offered and Deacon John accepted, the opportunity to take a finance class at St. Louis University. This class is training for priests preparing to become pastors. The class mentor assigned to Deacon John will be going over parish finances to see where improvements can be made
- Web program, Wix, has been purchased to aid in the updating of the Parish website. Ann Hannon has begun the process and is hoping to make the website more appealing to the younger generation.
- Life Touch/Shutter Fly has agreed to do a picture directory at no cost to the parish. The size of the directory will be approximately 5 X 8 and can be updated as new parishioners enroll, in 25 family increments. If parishioners choose to purchase additional pictures a 20% discount may be applicable. If parishioners bring a canned good at their sitting a donation to the food pantry is possible.
- Todd Bircher asked about possibly putting the parish commission information in the directory, Deacon John is going to check on the feasibility.
- Formation ideas are being discussed as we need to keep growing in faith and spirituality. Some future plans may include retreats, spiritual meetings, additional small faith groups, faith discussions, day of recollection and reflections.

V. Update on Annex:

- L'Arche is still interested, waiting on funds. Deacon John to approach L'Arche for an update.

VI. Update on Future Fund Raisers:

- The Fish Fry should be cancelled, it is very labor intensive and expensive with very little monetary reward. There is also no one who would like to take on the responsibility as chairperson.
- Instead of a weekly fish fry replace with a every other week spaghetti dinner, served with a red or white sauce, bread, salad, maybe toasted ravioli. Would need to look at the Lenten calendar to set up dates.
- Committee to meet and discuss options.

VII. Closing prayer led by Tim Yohe

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.