

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 12, 2018**

Present: Fr. Chris Hess, Principal Billie Schneider, Recorder Rosie Mansfield
Chair Ed Balaban, Kathy Carnell, Jean Blackburn, Teresa Ingle,
Jim Yench, Lin Ramsey, Barry Staubus
Guest Jean Malcolm

Excused: Vice-Chair Judy Smith, Rose Marie Burriss

The meeting opened with Prayer led by Father Chris.

Ed welcomed Father Chris to Pastoral Council and to the parish. Ed also welcome Jean Malcolm came to observe and possibly will take over as the PPC Recorder. Each PPC member then introduced themselves to Fr. Chris and to Jean.

Jean Blackburn made a motion to approved the minutes of the June meeting, Barry Staubus seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Father Chris approved the dates for PPC nominations/elections (as indicated on the attachment sent with the June minutes) and the following agreed to assist:

- Aug. 11/12 Nominations Table - before and after Mass
5:30 (Lin & Ed) 8:30 (Jim & Kathy) 1030 (Judy & Teresa) 2p (Jean)

- Aug. 12 Meeting at 3p to put together nominations list:
(Ed, Lin, Judy)

- Sept. 8/9 Elections (put ballots/pencils in pews, clean up after Mass, etc.)
5:30 (Ed) 8:30 (Barry & Jim) 1030 (Judy) 2p (Jean)

- Sept. 9 Meeting at 3p to count votes (Judy, Ed, Barry, Jim)

Ed reported on the June 28 Finance meeting which he attended. Finance Council indicated that at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018) that things were "not terrible". We are on schedule for payment of debt for the end of December 2018. Finance Council is looking to promote to parishioners Egiving and an APP from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) hopefully later in the summer or early fall. Finance Council needs new members. They will work with Fr. Chris to find some parishioner with a finance background to serve on the Council. The next Finance Council meeting is Thursday, July 26, at 7 a.m. Kathy Carnell will attend from PPC. Ed asked that the parish office send a list of upcoming Finance meetings (August thru December 2018) when the agenda and minutes are sent to PPC for the next meeting.

Father Chris stated that he is reappointing the current Parish Pastoral Council members and their terms with no changes. Ed, Judy and Kathy will be finishing their terms this summer. There will be 3 new members elected this summer for a 3-yr term. Jean, Teresa & Jim will then have a 1 year term to complete; Rose Marie, Lin, and Barry will have a 2 year term to complete.

Father Chris told Council that he sees his role on PPC as "a listener". He will ask some questions and answer questions, but feels that if he directs the meeting too much then it could defeat the purpose of needing to hear from the people. He wants to hear what is going on.

Lin Ramsey mentioned to Council that someone thanked her for being welcoming - they told her they had been coming to Mass for several months but had not felt welcomed and that the parish was not friendly. The discussion continued with other PPC members indicating the need for everyone to try to reach out and welcome people. Fr. Chris mentioned the book "Rebuilt" which helps to teach people to be welcoming - parishes tend to say they are a welcoming parish but we also tend to want everyone to be "like us" and when new people get involved and offer new ideas/suggestions we often times don't welcome their input because it is hard to change from what we have been doing in the past. Teresa stated that it seems that St. Anne's used to be more welcoming. Kathy talked about a "mentor" program the school used to use when new families came into the school. Jim stated that having Fr. Chris here now that this is an opportunity to engage with people, the parish takes on the personality of the pastor and we should all make an effort to be more welcoming. Ed suggested that the topic be addressed at the next meeting as Judy Smith has been involved with the Newcomers' committee and Greeters for several years and has tried various approaches to try to engage new people.

A few other comments were offered by members of the Council regarding things people had said to them:

- Enthronement of the Book of the Gospels
Some priests have enthroned it closed; others left it open
- Fr. Eric praying the Hail Mary as part of the Universal prayer
- the Mary statue in the church
(usually there for the month of May, Fr. Eric asked it to remain while he was here)

Different priests have different opinions, practices and there is also the teachings/rubrics of the universal Church that should be taken into consideration.

Another parishioner had told a PPC member they were upset with a recent prayer for the "President and his family". However, the intention was requested and was not done for any political agenda... and we have prayed for Presidents in past years.

Ed reminded PPC members that it is important to bring comments, ideas, etc. to the Council -- and it is very important to remember to wear your name badges to Mass. When people talk with you about their concerns, listen, "be present", bring valid issues to Council, and get back to people with necessary feedback/information.

Ed asked if Jean Malcolm if she would be willing to come on board as the PPC recorder and she said she would. She will take minutes starting with the next meeting.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is August 2, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the school conference room.

