

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2018**

Present: Fr. Chris Hess Youth Representative Lucy Chen Recorder Jean Malcolm
 Chair Barry Staubus Vice-Chair Jim Yencha Teresa Ingle
 Rose Marie Burriss Lin Ramsey Angela Costagliola
 Dave Hall Wayne Thurston Linda Williams
 Jean Blackburn

Not Present: Principal Billie Schneider

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Chris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 11-8-18 meeting:

Jean Blackburn made a motion to approve the minutes, Angela Costagliola seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance – Rose Marie reported on the November Meeting:

- The Finance Committee has two new members and would like one more to make a total of seven.
- We are still on track to pay the mortgage loan off in December.
- The school has availability for additional students.
- Angela to attend the next Finance meeting on January 3rd. Jim to attend the meeting on January 31st.

Evangelization meeting – Wayne reported:

- A successful and fun event was held on December 1st with 20-30 folks making Advent wreaths and Christmas decorations. Pictures will be posted on Facebook. They will be wrapping the books for Christmas.

Directory Committee – Linda reported:

- Linda suggested a theme for the directory – *We are more than a church, we are a family*. In addition to the individual family photos, group photos could be taken of members from the different committees, servers, etc.
- Ask parishioners for their personal photos of different events they attended.
- Lifetouch hasn't been contacted yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Starting a prayer list in the bulletin:
 - Per Fr. Chris, our bulletin is published free, by Diocesan Publication, because of the ads that are sold. They determine how much 'free' space we have in the bulletin. Adding a prayer list means deleting something else. But what?
 - Another option was to put the list on the website but not everyone has a computer.

- It was decided that if someone wants prayers, they should call Rosie or Sydney to be added to the prayer chain. They will pass your name to Marilyn, who will add it to list. This process will be printed in a bulletin, so everyone knows how to add a name to the prayer list.
- Note: The prayer book in the chapel has a list of names requesting prayers.

OPEN FORUM:

- A suggestion was made to move the Friday daily mass from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.
- An elevator was mentioned but there is no room for one. The chair lift is finicky but the door must be allowed to finish moving without interruption. We must be more considerate of those folks in wheelchairs.
- Should Thanksgiving baskets be distributed by parishioners instead of BFIA? Two issues are of concern: finding volunteers to distribute the baskets and the dignity/privacy of those receiving the baskets.
- Some folks want a statue of Mary in the sanctuary and some do not. Discussion followed concerning the design of the sanctuary, the current sacred art in the Church, etc.
- The church boiler will be turned on soon. It must be turned on when the temperature turns cold and will stay cold.
- Question was asked if it is possible to find a place downstairs for BFIA food donations? There are fire code/safety issues that prohibit items in school hallways.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

- New Financial Director – Interviews are finished and an offer has been made. It has not yet been accepted.
- Deacon Steve wants everyone to know that just because the debt will be paid off, that doesn't mean that our previous mortgage payment amount will be available to spend each month going forward.
- Since the debt is to be paid off in December, a list of maintenance items will be started in January.

YOUTH:

- Lucy provided a list of the youth's activities to include: weekly meetings on faith, fun days (ice skating, corn maze), prayer service, March for Life, Diocesan Youth Conference, Habitat for Humanity, ornaments for the Giving Tree, wrapping presents, etc. If the youth group can help in any way, please let Lucy know and she will inform Laura.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Chris closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next PPC meeting:

The next meeting is **January 3, 2019** at 7 p.m.

NOTE: This meeting will be held in the School Library

(due to maintenance work in the School Conference Room)