

ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10th, 2012

Members Present: *Father Kuhn, Deacon John, Mike Farrey, Art Clark, Sharon Clark, Jeff Spangler, Pat Joyce, Terry Peterson, and Greg Bergenske, Julie Spangler, Kirk Stowers, and Mark Summerbell.*

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved as written.*

Approval of the Minutes: *Minutes were approved as written, after a change in spelling and wording under building and grounds.*

Commission/Committee Reports

FINANCE COUNCIL: *July through November Financial results were handed out. The church still shows a deficit. It is noted that we cannot keep running the church in a deficit. If we keep drawing from the reserves, we will have none in 3-4 years. Borrowing cannot be done. We can no longer run on a deficit budget; enrollment and monies have to improve. We have received a big help in money for the school from the Janesville School District. Also, the pledges are all in. We are dealing with fewer families, but more money. There were 183 pledges turned in for a total pledge of 250,052.00 for the year; as compared to last year with a count of 194 for a total of 246,778.00.*

LITURGY COMMISSION: *Attendance at the Christmas Celebration Masses was as follows:*

4:00 P.M. – 594 7:30 A.M. – 111 9:00 A.M. - 151

The New Year's Masses were as follows:

4:00 P.M. – 268 7:30 A.M. – 102 10:00 A.M. – 136

Attendance for Guadalupe Mass was 641. Feb 22nd, Ash Wednesday, there will be an 8:30 and a 5:15 Mass. Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held every Wednesday after that.

EDUCATION COMMISSION: *We have gained 6 students since November; the count is now 79. The Principal received a letter from the School District of Janesville complimenting us on our quality program that we offer and are looking forward to working with us next year and in the future. Along with the letter; a contract for next year was received; which the Principal signed and returned. We will again receive \$2600.00 per child per academic year placed with us in the school year. This will be paid in five equal installments of \$520.00 per child on the first*

Friday of October, December, February, April and June. Presently, we have 17 students attending 4K here. We hope to increase that number by 10 or more for the 2012-13 school year.

As you know, the concealed carry law went into effect Tuesday, November 1, 2011. As part of the Janesville P4J, we will be receiving signs informing the public that guns are banned on school property. As of today there have been no incidents.

On Sunday, January 29th, at the 10:00 Mass we will begin our "Catholic Schools Week" celebration.

Religious Ed. The Giving Tree was a success. We had 15 families and were able to provide every person with a gift. Joyce received cash from many people so she could go out and buy gifts for those who were missing some. We had our annual Advent Family Bingo Night on Wednesday, December 14th. We had 80 people in attendance. On Wednesday, January 4th, we had our annual Catechist dinner. It was catered by the Italian House. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 18, at 5:00 PM in the church. It will be followed by a potluck in the cafeteria. We have 40 students receiving First Reconciliation. We also have 23 students preparing for Confirmation. Greg did say that number increased to 27.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION: All insurance report items have been corrected. Hubert saw to it that the basement had been cleaned. All smoke detectors have been replaced and the wiring in the bell tower has been fixed. Side walk work will be completed in the spring. Dave Leeder will help Art with the 3 slabs that need to be replaced. We are replacing the unsafe ladder to the church bell tower now. We will be constructing a two ladder – two landing structure to the attic hatch. In the spring, we will be removing two trees between the sidewalk and curb in front of the rectory. The tree roots are pushing up three sections of sidewalk and the city has said it is an unsafe condition. The ceiling in the church is in need of repair. We'll have to decide if we want to do a temporary fix or get it done properly. After we are able to see the fan motor of the fan not working now, we can determine what needs to be done with it. We also are putting Greenfield protection around the wires in the bell tower. Bruce Richards will be handling replacing the lights with LED lights. It was also reported that the sidewalk in the north back entrance needs to be looked at. It is important to remember when opening the big garage door that it is a maintain contact switch.

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE: Greg handed out the Yearly Calendar schedule for the Chalice Program.

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: Catholic Charities will be at St John Vianney church the second Monday to distribute to approximately 157 families.

TRUSTING IN THE SPIRIT *The next meeting is January 31st, at 6:30. They will continue to try to come to a conclusion of what the final outcome of the link will be. Everyone will present their recommendations on the 31st. St Patrick's will be suggested for a link for sure. The thinking is St John Vianney's or St Williams. The question of the schools will be postponed till after the link is decided.*

OLD BUSINESS

Pot O Gold raffle and dinner: Five major sponsors have donated \$1250.00 towards raffle expenses. Tickets have been printed and will be sorted, stapled and put in envelopes by a large group of volunteers at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday. We start selling tickets on January 20th. We are selling 16 different times at 8 various locations. Greg has agreed to sell at the fish fry. This year we are leaving names off the envelopes and asking each family member to pick up a blank envelope. This year the color of the tickets is gold and the prizes remained the same as last year.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: March 6th at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium.

Prayers for the next meeting: Opening: Deacon John Closing Prayer: Terry Peterson

This report was respectfully submitted by Sharon Clark, Secretary.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO PARISH MEMBERS