

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Greg Montgomery (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Craig Hohlfeld (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), Brandon Junkans (SH) and Anita Tomczik (SH).

Members Absent: Mary DeFoe (SN), Carol Wozniak (SA) and Bill Madison (SA).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Andrea Olson.
- II. Opening Prayer: Andrea Olson led the council in prayer.
- III. The Council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting of February 6, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Craig Hohlfeld and seconded by Greg Montgomery. Motion was called and approved unanimously.
- IV. Deacon Steve reported for the Sacred Heart Finance Committee. As of March 5th, 2020, the Sacred Heart balance sheet shows \$41,464.15 in the general checking account and \$18,529.74 in general savings. The Mission Fund currently has a balance of \$277,435.93. The total of all assets to date is \$438,457.88.

A review of weekly envelope and loose change giving for the first seven months of the fiscal year shows Sacred Heart is behind it's budgeted giving goal by only \$652.38. Very encouraging.

The Catholic Services Appeal goal for Sacred Heart is \$12,421.00. To date, \$8,220.00 has been collected and/or pledged. Approximately 66% of goal. The remaining balance is \$4,201.00.

- V. The Council was to consider a request from the St. Ann Finance Committee to seek permission from the Bishop to purchase equipment and host Bingo at St. Ann's to create revenue for the continued use and upkeep of the center. Due to a lack of quorum of St. Ann's members the item was not discussed and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.
- VI. Growing Our Faith Initiative Update: Greg Montgomery reported that the first Family Movie Night was a big success. There were 37 people from 9 different families in attendance at the event.

The committee is looking to establish a sub-committee to develop methods for welcoming new members to our faith community within all three parishes. A search for members of the sub-committee is underway. Information was published in the March 1st, 2020 bulletin.

- VII. Latin Sisters Grant Update: Deacon Steve had no new information for the Council.

- VIII. Health Ministry Update: Mary Freitag reported the Health Ministry team is hosting an event on Sunday April 19th, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Anthony Parish Center. Fr. Dennis Mullen will be presenting "Preparing for A Strong Death in Faith". Information will be in the March 15th, 2020 bulletin.

The committee is also planning to host a Health Fair in the fall. The fair will have speakers, information booths and possibly childcare if needed. The date is yet to be determined.

- IX. Building Committee Update: Deacon Steve reported that the building committee has been meeting with Lien and Peterson Architects on a conceptual design for a new church at St. Anthony's. The committee will meet again on Sunday March 8th, 2020 to view the final design and renderings of the conceptual design. Once approved they will be submitted to the Finance Committee and the Joint Pastoral Council at its April meeting. Once approved it will be forwarded to the Bishop for approval and a request to begin fund raising will be made.

- X. Old Business:
 - a. Recognition event for past council/committee members-

Deacon Steve advised he originally wanted to have an event of some kind to show our appreciation for those who have served, and are serving, our parishes on finance committees and pastoral councils. He has since recognized that there are many others in our parishes that deserve recognition as well. i.e.: Money Counters, Homebound Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, Servers, etc. Deacon Steve advised he would like to amend the original plan to include all of these in a dinner to be hosted at the St. Ann Center with food being catered and served buffet style. It is important to recognize all who give of their time to serve our parishes and this could be an annual event if supported. Deacon Steve asked for volunteers from the Joint Council who might be willing to assist in planning the event. Greg Montgomery, Andrea Olson and Craig Hohlfeld said they would help. Others are welcome to join. The event will be held late spring or early summer.

XI. New Business:

- a. Craig Hohlfeld questioned why all the giving statements received by parishioners at the end of the year were from “St. Anthony Catholic Community” and not under the name of each individual parish for which they are giving. Deacon Steve advised this is a condition of the software we use. We purchased “Parish Soft” software a few years back for our new census software. Rather than purchasing three different sets of software, one for each parish, we purchased one set. Members of each parish are assigned to a workgroup that identifies them by their individual parish for reporting purposes and record of giving. However, when giving statements are printed, they come out under the primary license name of St. Anthony’s Catholic Community.

- XII. A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Montgomery and seconded by Anita Tomczik. Motion was called and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – April 2nd, 2020.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton

Parish Life Coordinator