

**ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
September 26, 2017**

**PRESENT:**

	Rev. Jeffrey P. Shooner, Pastor		_____, Social Concerns
x	Rev. Adam B. Carrico, Associate Pastor		_____, Parish Life
x	Elliott Bauer, President	x	Nicole Burke, School Board
x	Rusty Varisco, Vice-President		Judy Stewart
x	Lisa Kros, Secretary	x	Lucy Strong
	_____, Stewardship	x	Sara Weiter
	Steve Embry, Formation	x	Richard Adams
	Chip Duncan, Worship	x	Lourdes Baez
	Tim Campisano, Finance	x	Lynn Kolokowsky

The meeting opened at 6:34pm with a prayer. All members present introduced themselves as this was the first meeting for new members. The role of the Parish Council was reviewed. Elliott shared a daily reading reminding us that even the smallest group need an avenue to be heard. We are challenged to be that ear for those who suffer in silence or otherwise alone who need a way to be heard. Members reflected these things during Adoration.

**MINITRIES UPDATES**

**School Board (Nicole Burke):** The School Board met with 3 new members and 2 new board roles. The school has implemented Kegan Structures, an instructional strategy designed to promote cooperation and communication in the classroom. The board, after an introduction to the method by Mr. Sturtzel, used the toolset to evaluate areas to improve within the school. They have prioritized the top 8 areas, which include: communication, learning/tolerance of other faiths, parent engagement, retention of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families after graduation and identifying academic needs of all learning ranges.

The Walkapalooza fundraiser is going well and will conclude Sept 29<sup>th</sup> with a walk and fun night on October 6.

The new Taher lunch program is going well, positive feedback from students and parents.

**PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

Fr. Adam shared a brief update on Fr. Jeff's recovery and the move to the new rectory. We are reminded to keep the Brione's family in our prayers.

The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal will be underway soon. This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> annual appeal. A letter from Archbishop Kurtz should have arrived at parish households. There is a matching gift for any pledge from a household with 40 years or younger donor. Membership in the Salt & Light Society is set at \$500. There is a total of \$100K in matching funds available. St. Patrick will be conducting class competitions to encourage school family giving.

St. Patrick will be part of the first wave of parish discernment process in "The Body of Christ Alive in our Midst". A Pastoral Letter, Study Guide and a Prayer Card were shared and are available to all parishioners online or available in print. A communication has been sent to all parishioners with this information. A listening session

will be held at St. Patrick on Oct 24 from 6-8pm in Schindler Hall. Our role as council members is to 1) encourage fellow parishioners to read the Archbishop's letter, 2) look at the study guide and reflect on the questions to prepare our thoughts and 3) participate in the listening session to share where God is calling us as a community to serve Christ. Discernment of our parish future will be in 3 areas: 1) family life, 2) education and lifelong formation and 3) service and outreach. The process will take approximately 3 months from now thru listening session, core team reflection/discussion and decisions to be made. The overall goal is to affirm/reaffirm the need for a capital campaign and need for update to our parish strategic plan.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS (Elliott Bauer)**

Elliot shared notes from the Parish Lay leadership Meeting (see attachment for full notes). Highlights include that the Archdiocese is growing and financially stable. They are the largest social services provider besides the government. There were 1,571 refugees settled in the Archdiocese and 780 placed in jobs within 1 year. Government funding will be reduced next year, so our support will be even more important. Retreats have been increasing in number and attendance. Building of the new Pastoral Center (Chancery) is complete on Poplar Level and is up and running with staff.

A date needs to be set for the 2018 retreat (usually in August) so a venue can be booked.

The May Parish Council meeting date is yet TBD.

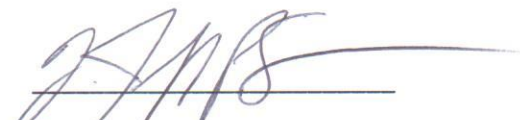
Elliott would like to get the Parish Council bylaw revisions complete. He will send out a copy and other bylaws for review/comparison.

The next meeting will be Oct 24 from 6:30-8:30p

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38p.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Kros

Approved by the Parish Council Members: 1-30-2018

  
Fr. Jeff Shooner, Pastor