

**ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
January 30, 2018**

**PRESENT:**

x	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		Richard Adams
x	Chip Duncan, Worship		Lourdes Baez
x	Tim Campisano, Finance	x	Lynn Kolokowsky

The meeting was opened at 6:39pm by Elliott Bauer. The group read a summary of The Helpers of God's Precious Infants group and select scripture. The Louisville Helpers of God's Precious Infants are a group of people committed to maintaining a loving and prayerful presence outside of abortion clinics. Father Adam will preside over the group for their Feb 10<sup>th</sup> mass and asks council members to pray for the success of the mission. Members then reflected on this during Eucharistic Adoration.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the Sept 26 and Nov 28 meetings were approved by members. Fr. Jeff shared thoughts about increasing transparency of the parish and would like the Parish Council minutes and Financial statements posted online on the church website. We will work with the office staff to make that happen.

**MINITRIES UPDATES**

**School Board (Nicole Burke):** The school board last met Jan 16. A team from the Archdiocese will be visiting the school to review the state of the school in the near future. The PTO will be hosting a movie night for parents and 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students called Screenagers. The focus of the movie is to bring awareness to technology and how it impacts kid's development and the challenges of parenting in the digital world where parents must compete with video games, texting addiction, and social media. The 2018-2019 school calendar has been approved. The first day of school will be August 15, 2018.

**Worship (Chip Duncan):** The Liturgical Planning Committee is working on materials for Lent and Holy Week.

**Finance (Tim Campisano):** Father Jeff shared the sad news of the passing of the St. Patrick Bookkeeper, Becky Gunther in November. She will be missed by many. Buddy Ray and Gale Gowen are taking care of the office financial and bookkeeping needs. Tim reported that the parish lost approx. 30K on the house in 18 months because there were some issues that were not brought to the attention of the FC or the PC. The cost of these issues had to be credited to the new owner. Proceeds of house sale will be added to the capitol balance. The total debt is approaching \$1M. This total has been consistently and significantly reduced over the last few years.

The foundation loan is on track to be paid off December 2018. Stewardship giving is over budget. Expenses are under budget.

### PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Fr. Jeff asked for the Parish Council members keep the parish staff in their prayers. Many have been dealing with family deaths and illnesses recently. With the passing of Becky in November, Gale Gowen will fill the role of Bookkeeper for the parish. They are looking for a replacement for Gale's now open Assistant Bookkeeper position.

As we enter into the Lenten season a theme will be selected to help focus our community. This year's theme will come from the three focus areas identified during the discernment process: 1) Connectedness, 2) Communication and 3) Conversion of Heart. The selected theme for this Lenten Season is Connectedness. A daily reflection booklet is being created using writings from various parishioners accompanied by scripture. Copies will be made available for pickup in the gathering space. Fr. Adam is working on a video to be posted on social media, the parish website and the TVs in the Gathering Space. The question posed to respond to is: How does Lent at St. Patrick help you connect?

The capital campaign feasibility sessions will continue with one last Town Hall Meeting on Feb 11 after the 11am mass. This is a rescheduled session from the session cancelled by inclement weather. Fr. Jeff reported the sessions had gone well so far and the focus was on discernment and God's Law of Abundance. The discernment process is all about sacrificial giving, a gift of love not equal giving. A survey will go live mid-February for all parishioners to respond to. This will be communicated in various formats including at mass, on the website and in the bulletin. The feasibility study will be completed around March 20. At that time information will be gathered and summarized to have an idea of capacity and scope of the campaign. The campaign will be 4 weeks in length occurring in late April / early May. The campaign giving usually will extend over 3 years, but can be longer.

"Welcome" (retreat program by Dynamic Catholic) is gearing up to start. This is a program to help parishioners engage with their faith community. Teams are being trained and 2 separate retreat sessions will be offered (one for men and one for women). We can help by inviting others to take part in this program.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS (Elliott Bauer)

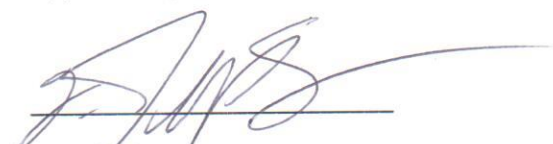
For the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting members are invited to dinner and then attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption.

The next meeting will be February 27 from 6:30-8:30p

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34p.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Kros

Approved by the Parish Council Members: 2-27-2018

  
Fr. Jeff Shooner, Pastor