

In attendance: Sue Barker, Jim Kinney, Deb LaBerge, Mark Rayha, Nikki Schuh, Ryan Zakrzewski, Mark Heyde - Chair, Fr. William Vernon – Pastor.

1. Opening Prayer-6:35pm -Mark H.
2. Welcome and Introductions; Each member introduced themselves and mentioned what they do to support St. Christopher Parish.
3. Operating Agreements; Mark H. pointed out some ground rules to make meetings run smoothly such as starting on time, be tough on issues but easy on people, state truth with love, how best to come to a consensus vote, use Roberts Rules, do home work and understand what our role is to Fr. William
4. Assign officer roles per bylaws: Mark H is Chair, Mark R. is Vice Chair, Deb is secretary. Sue made a motion to accept the officers, 2nd. Ryan Z., Officers accepted
5. Minutes of May 10, 2016 meeting were accepted at the June 14, 2016 gathering.
6. Pastor's Report - Fr. William thanked the Pastoral Council for their willingness to serve.

He mentioned the major projects just completed and in progress. The roof repair, boiler replacement, and the parking lot project, depleted \$300,000 in savings. A Capital Campaign will be launched to replace funds for future major projects. The precious windows at St William are being cleaned and repaired and most of that cost will be donated by parishioners who wish to participate in memorials of the windows. Families related to original donors will have first chance to subsidize their window. Six to seven people have already paid \$20,000 of the \$40,000 cost.

Fr. William ask for prayers for Drew Olson as he completes his studies for the priesthood. Drew will be ordained deacon in Rome and when studies are completed, he will be ordained priest in Madison.

7. Assign Commission and Committee liaisons; discuss liaison role/expectations
 - a. Worship and Spiritual Life (Liturgy) - Fr. William will ask Fern to assist him with notes from the meetings.
 - b. Religious Education & Formation - Ryan H.
 - c. Parish Life - Ryan Z. The Packer Chili Party is October 16.
 - d. Stewardship - Fr. William
 - e. Human Concerns / Social Justice / Pro Life - Sue

- f. Vocations - Fr. William
- g. Building & Grounds - Jim

- h. CCW - Sue

The CCW is funding the installation of three handicap entrances, 2 to the church building and 1 to the parish center.

There is a Fall sale on September 24-25. The Bazaar is the 2nd Saturday in November as usual.

- i. Knights of Columbus - Mark H.

The Knights of Columbus are entering a very busy season with events and fundraisers. For example, the weekend of September 10 saw KofC volunteers at the Badger game and Ironman competition as well as Punt, Pass and Kick for youth. Overall the KofC are working to more closely coordinate their efforts with other parish organizations in support of the pastor and parish.

The KofC are investigating whether we can commit to covering all the volunteers needed (about 16) for the Saturday community lunch at the Badger Prairie Needs Network. The idea is to regularly schedule a day that we'd cover - for instance quarterly. The opportunity is envisioned to be opened up to the entire parish.

Upcoming events include Lifesavers for Life on October 8&9; membership drive on October 22&23; and a pancake breakfast on October 30, The Knights will also host an information reception for prospective members and their families in conjunction with the pancake breakfast.

- j. Respite Care Team - Ryan Z.

k. Saint Vincent de Paul Society - Mark R. The Fall food drive is October 8 & 9. Instead of passing out grocery bags, St. Christopher SVdP will have flyers in the bulletin and information on the web.

l. Technology - There are 3 points to resolve;

1. The Tech Committee is working to transition from our contracted Web master to another option. About 10 hours per week average is needed to coordinate the efforts of our volunteer web experts and content managers; lead the development and implementation of a web communication strategy that meets the needs of staff and the parish.

2. The next immediate task is to create a style guide for web volunteers and staff to assure that content is displayed in a consistent manner.
3. The Tech Committee is investigating a continuing problem with the way Google Calendar displays in the Word Press template. A question to be answered is whether Google Calendar is the best long term solution for our business needs.

m. Adult Faith Team - Deb

AFT is focusing on Prayer in the Parish by offering Programs and Experiences which will help parishioner have more of an Awareness of Prayer.

Doug outlined several projects we could work on. We chose having an adult faith program every Monday evening in short 6 week segments starting October 10, supporting small Faith Communities such as women's and men's bible study groups, 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays beginning after the 8 am Mass on Friday, a communal prayer at Mass, and a prayer commitment campaign starting on Ash Wednesday.

n. St. Hermine's Home - Fr. William/ Nikki Fr. Norbert has sent an email about their progress and the need to further help the young women. Fr. William will work with Nikki to set up a display for the Parish.

o. other

8. Open Discussion - e.g. Pastoral Council Mission, Role of the Council, working with Finance Council, how to best support the pastor and staff

Fr. William stated that his duties as a consecrated Priest are to Sanctify, Teach, and Govern.

Sometimes the daily obligations are so numerous that he barely has time to say his Office. The PPC is especially important as an advisory council to support Fr. William in practical business matters. He welcomes ideas and suggestions that may challenge his way of thinking if they are for the good of the Parish.

The Finance Council is an independent group. We may share ideas but do not council them. The one time per year that we should meet could be at the annual report pot luck.

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St. Christopher Parish

Meeting Minutes
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The following two items on the agenda are tabled for next month's meeting so that we can end at a reasonable time.

9. Review 2015 -2016 Pastoral Council Goals
10. Process for setting 2016-2017 Pastoral Council Goals

Fr. William invited the Board to bring some type of food/ snack to meetings especially considering that some members might not have eaten dinner. Ryan Z. and Nikki will bring something to the October meeting.

11. Next meeting will be October 11, 2016 - identify agenda items Agenda items 9 & 10
12. Closing Prayer Fr. William

Issues that may be identified to be discussed at a later date