

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

1. Opening Prayer- 6:37 Fr. William
2. Minutes: with minor changes, Ryan Z. moved to approve the September 13, 2016 minutes and Ryan 2nd., minutes approved
3. Pastor's Report- Fr. William, along with the Parish staff and Finance Council will put together a report on the cost of the different parish projects this past year; the parking lot, roof and boilers, which depleted our savings of \$310,000. With more projects coming up Fr. William wants the parish to be aware of what has been done and the need to replenish the savings. The Building & Grounds committee will meet October 18 to walk the properties to prioritize future needs.

The St. William window refurbishing will begin October 17th. The company doing the repair and restoration of the stained glass windows at St. William is Associated Crafts, based in Gilbert, AZ, with regional offices in Minnesota, Iowa and Pennsylvania. The company was recently acquired by Willet Hauser architectural glass company, a respected company. Half of the \$40,000 cost has been paid by families whose ancestors donated them.

Ron Lease has dug a drainage ditch around St. William church to divert the water away from the building. The gutters were also cleaned and the plan is to clean them twice a year to prevent water overflow which caused water in the basement.

Father does not want salt used on the new parking lot this winter unless absolutely necessary.

Please continue to keep Drew Olson, seminarian, in our prayers. Drew Olson will be ordained a transitional deacon in September 2017 in Rome, Italy. He will then be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 29, 2018, in the Diocese of Madison.

Deacon Ralph Poyo will present the timeless mission of the Church and how our parish family is called to participate. He is a nationally sought-after speaker and evangelist from New Evangelization Ministries, Steubenville, OH. This is a one day event for all parishioners, November 5, 8am-2pm.

4. Open Discussion:

- a. meeting with Finance Committee; we will have a January meeting with them to review the annual report and then a social. If the Pastoral Council has an expense such as for Christmas book gifting, it will be presented to the Finance Committee.

The Pastoral Council Constitution and Bylaws will be left as written.

5. Review 2015-2016 Goals;

1. Evangelize and Outreach through book gifting at Christmas, **Keep.**
2. Encourage active participation in Parish Community through the biannual Time and Talent Fair and annually through the Time and Talent Brochure. **Just do the brochure this year.**
3. Support Catholic Education by providing scholarships. The Bishop has asked parishes without Catholic schools to try and support families which choose to send their children to Parochial school. Fr. William will work with Liz on this. The four schools which we would consider helping with our support are St. Maria Goretti, St. Peter's in Ashton, St. Ambrose Academy, and St. Francis Xavier. **Keep and act on.**
4. Support and reinforce Religious Education and Youth Ministry. **Satisfied**
5. Survey the Parish in Spring for input toward 2016-2017 Parish Council goals. **Replaced.**
6. Promote the 'Year of Mercy' through various parish activities and communications.
 - a. Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, (done after Masses)
 - b. expanded confession times (as Bishop requested)
 - c. formation of Divine Mercy Cenacles (5 members)
 - d. Divine Mercy Novena (promoted from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday)**This goal was completed well.**

6. St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council 2016-2017 Goals

1. Evangelize and Outreach through book gifting at Christmas Masses.
"Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly
2. Encourage active participation in Parish Community through the biannual Time and Talent Fair and annually through the Time and Talent brochure (2017).
3. Support Catholic Education by providing scholarships.
4. Determine and implement a communication plan for parishioner input, ideas, and concerns e.g. suggestion box, email to parish council members, parish website.
Ryan H. will work on this.
5. Support adult faith formation and a year of prayer.
 - a. work with Adult Faith Team.
6. Support individuals and families growing together as a Parish Family through community service.
 - a. Knights of Columbus assisting BPNN serving community Saturday lunches
 - b. ?

7. Commission and Committee liaisons;

a. Worship and Spiritual Life (Liturgy) - Fr. William has set the Mass schedule for Christmas since it falls on a Sunday as: Christmas Eve, 4:30 children's Mass @ St. Andrew and 8 pm @ St. William: on Christmas Day (Sunday) 8am & 10am Masses @ St. Andrew

b. Religious Education & Formation - Ryan H.

c. Parish Life - Ryan Z.

Packer Chili Party – October 16th, 3:15 Half time activities this year;
Planning upcoming Donut Sunday's, Couples Night out, 60's music and Euchre tournament;
Also willing to support Church events if able

d. Stewardship - Fr. William

e. Human Concerns / Social Justice / Pro Life - Sue ;

40 Days for Life is in full swing and a rally was held at Planned Parenthood in Madison on Thursday, September 29th. A replica of Our Lady of Fatima was displayed at that time along with the monstrance and prayers and blessings of exorcism, the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. 200 or more people of all ages were present. A candlelight rally will be held Thursday, October 13 at the same location. St. Christopher has Mondays and Thursdays from 10-11 am as our allotted times to pray there.

f. Vocations - Fr. William; prayers for Drew Olson

g. Building & Grounds - Jim

h. CCW - Sue

CCW had a very successful Fall Craft/Bake Sale.

The parts for the 3 handicapped doors have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

The Bazaar is the 2nd Saturday in November as usual.

i. Knights of Columbus - Mark H.

Helped out with BPNN Community Meal on October 1

collected donations to support Pregnancy Helpline and Care Net through Life Savers for Life campaign on October 8 & 9. \$485 was collected.

Hosted Diocesan Punt Pass & Kick/Soccer Contest on October 9th at
St. Andrew's Parish grounds

Upcoming Activities: Membership Drive scheduled for October 22-23

KCs will be helping out with The 40 Days For Life Vigil from September 28 through
November 6

Pancake Breakfast to be held on October 30

j. Respite Care Team - Ryan Z

A former member has rejoined the team;

Currently serving 10 partners;

5 partners were served in August totaling 38.5 hours

k. Saint Vincent de Paul Society - Mark R.

Held Conference elections. Ryan Zakrzewski was elected as the Conference's new President. Joe Amato will be the Treasurer, Debby La Berge will be the Secretary and Ken Kenyon will be the Spiritual Advisor.

Had Fall Social on September 22. Event was well attended by membership.

Fall Food Drive was held on October 8 & 9. 66 bags of groceries were collected and \$184 in donations.

Upcoming Activities: November BPNN Thanksgiving Dinner Drive and December Giving Tree

l. Technology -

Keeping the calendar up to date at the end of summer when Davonna has summer hours and the parish is busy has been a challenge. It has gotten up to date as of now and the intent is to get the calendar for the coming month done by the 22nd to 25th of the previous month. We will continue to monitor the process.

- Laurie has found it challenging to have the time to get information on the website that she would like. Looking to potentially get help from Laura Z. Also, Laurie will get more support from the committee in getting her editor rights.
- Both Peter and Marco are stepping up to take on more of a roll to update the website from Scott.

Scott will get getting the group a generic style guide for Google products that the committee will be reviewing to make sure the website stays graphically consistent with itself.

- The current email administrator for the parish, Craig, has asked to have access to the new Google email accounts so he can continue to work with staff on the transfer and moving forward with the new email. Fr. William was supportive of that idea. The committee will contact Craig to make sure he is up to speed with the Google account.

m. Adult Faith Team - Deb

- a. Sunday morning "Wild Goose" series started on October 2nd after the 9am Mass.
- b. Monday evening and Wednesday morning Adult Faith starts October 10 and 12 with a two week session on the DVD of Mother Theresa, "The Letters", followed by a 6 week session on "Lectio: Prayers" series which is 6 weeks.
- c. Our 24 Hour Adoration will take place on First Friday, December 2nd.
- d. Congregation prayers said during Mass will come initially from the Mass book. Fr. William started with the *Anima Christi* prayer after Communion.

n. St. Hermine's Home - Fr. William; --was asked for funds for dowries for three of the girls at St. Hermine's who are getting married. They each will have a gold necklace at their wedding as a token of their bringing value to the marriage. This is a result of the caste system in place in India.

o. other

Liz will bring snacks to November meeting.

Ryan H. will bring ideas to next meeting on how to implement Goal #4.

Council will further discuss Goal #3

11. Next meeting will be November 8,, 2016

12. 8:40 pm Closing Prayer Fr. William

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

