

In attendance: Sue Barker, Jim Kinney, Nikki Schuh, Ryan Hartberg, Mark Heyde, Ryan Zakrzewski, Mark Rayha-Chair, Fr. William Vernon – Pastor, Doug Ulaszek – guest

1. Opening Prayer – Father Vernon
2. Mark asked if sending committee reports early for the agenda is working? All said yes. He also requested we let him know if nothing has happened in the past month.
3. Motion made by Ryan H. to approve November minutes, second by Ryan Z. and approved. Father asked that we note the windows in Paoli will be completed in January.
4. Doug passed out “Reach More” flyer which is part of Deacon Poyo’s program, a 16 week formation. Doug is meeting with 9 other parish members on Sunday evenings to become leaders. Small groups should start Easter Week with hopes of 40 people. A second wave of small groups will start in the fall. Married couples may or may not both run a small group. A commitment of 6 weeks is asked. Hopefully people will stay with “natural leaders” coming forth. This program is scripture based with no stop date, led by the Holy Spirit. Doug will be asked to come back if we have more questions.
5. Communication Plan Status – Ryan H. brought in metal suggestion boxes for anyone to put in ideas and/or concerns in the parish. These boxes can be locked and mounted and Father and Bob will take care of this. Suggestions can also be sent to the website. These ideas/concerns will go to the Council first and will be decided where they go after that. A note will also be placed in the bulletin so people will know about the boxes.
6. Pastor’s Report – Father said “Resisting Happiness” books are here to be passed out after the Christmas masses.
  - Poinsettia donations are coming in.
  - An Iconographer was selling items after the weekend masses and 20% of sales were given to St. Christopher.
  - Directory sign-up is also in progress after masses and on the website during the week. You can have your picture taken by the [Life Touch](#) Company at any parish where they are taking pictures.
  - The Christmas mass schedule is changed with 2 Eve masses and 2 on Christmas Day.
  - Father thanks all Parish Council members for all the work we and our families do.
7. Knights of Columbus – Mark R. reported the KCs will be having a Remembrance Mass for fallen members on Thursday, December 15. A social will follow with a vote for a name change to Monsignor Delbert Schmelzer Council #11155.
  - Raffle tickets are also available.
8. Technology Report – Mark H. stated guest WiFi is being investigated for wireless access, with a password. He and Father will make recommendations.
9. Adult Faith Team per Deb- 24 Hour Adoration went well with all hours filled.
  - We will continue extended hours of Adoration on First Fridays but only from 9 am - 9 pm.

- - The Lectio Divina Prayer series ends [December 12](#) and 14 with light attendance.
- We will be determining our next steps for adult faith at our AFT meeting on December 19.

10. CCW – Sue reported the accessible doors have been installed and we have received lots of good feedback.

11. A meeting with the Finance Council will be set up by Mark H. It will NOT be January 10.

12. Scholarship discussion was postponed until January 10 as Liz was not in attendance.

13. Religious Education notes were submitted to Ryan H. by Laurie:

- We have had 2 of our Parish Family Events for the 2016-17 academic year. The first one was the Saints' Day in October with over 200 people in attendance. The second one was the Advent Event with over 100 people in attendance. (Most likely, the snow and Packers' game kept a lot of people at home from the Sunday Advent Event.)
- We are noticing that members of the parish who do not have K-5 kids at home are not attending, yet the events are planned for all parishioners with active and engaging activities for everyone, not just families with younger kids. We'll need to communicate this better, differently, etc.
- We are trying to include our middle schoolers in parish life in meaningful ways. They ran saints stations for the K-5 kids at the Saints' Day and baked and served cookies for everyone in attendance at the Advent Event. We continue to teach them about the Catholic faith and challenge and encourage them to build a relationship with Jesus Christ in our weekly classes. It is our hope that more active participation in the parish gives them meaningful opportunities to serve and stirs an awareness of themselves as true members of the Body of Christ.
- Upcoming is the Parish Spaghetti Dinner on Monday, January 16. Donations for this event will help high schoolers attend retreats, mission trips, conferences, etc.

14. Father stated St. Hermine's Home Dowry Fund was successful with a final report coming soon.

15. A discussion was held on "Unbound", a group previously called "Christian Fund for Children and the Aging," and the possibility of them giving a presentations at all masses. They sponsor children and the elderly who need monetary help, mostly in Central and South American. Sponsors would adopt a person for 2 or 3 years. Father has worked with this group in the past and they do not ask for money outright but match you up with the person whose portfolio you see. The Council agreed to have Father talk to his contact about having this take place.

16. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2017.

17. Closing prayer led by Father at 8:10pm.

Thanks to Sue and Ryan H. for the healthy food!