

St. Christopher Parish

May 9, 2017

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

1. Opening Prayer – 6:30 pm-Fr. William Vernon
2. Minutes of April 18, 2017 meeting were approved with corrections and addition made. Sue 1st. Deb 2nd
3. Update on Scholarships for Catholic Education – Ryan Zakrzewski obtained approval by the Finance Council to include \$10,000 in the budget to be set aside for scholarship assistance in the Fall of 2017 if needed. A soft launch of information to solicit aid from parish members will begin on May 20th with information board, bulletin insert and envelopes.
4. Divine Renovation –The PPC will read introduction and 1st 4 chapters by the June meeting for discussion.
5. Parish Council Elections- For the good of the Parish and consistency in providing advice and/or assistance to Fr. Vernon on Parish activities, Fr. has the discretion to suspend Parish Council elections and;
 1. Extend an individual or individuals term on Parish Council
 2. Appoint individual(s) to serve on Parish CouncilIndividuals are eligible to serve two consecutive terms on the Parish Council. This can occur through appointments, extensions and/or elections. No elections will be held in 2017 as all present terms were extended one year.
6. Announcement for Suggestion Box – Ryan Hartberg- Boxes have been place at St. Andrew and St. William churches and a note was included in the bulletin about them.
7. Pastor's Report – Fr. William

Fr. Norbert's visit was a wonderful time. He is now Chancellor and Judicial Vicar of two diocese so he is very busy. He spoke at the weekend Masses about St. Hermine's Home for the Destitute. He was very grateful for the support of sister parish St. Christopher. A social in his honor was enjoyed by many on Saturday after the 5pm Mass. Ryan Z. helped get him set up on his new I pad which will aid him in his many new duties.

"Blessed Art" was offered after weekend Masses. Some of the money will support Christians living in the Holy Land.

Drew Olson, our parish seminarian in Italy will be ordained deacon this Fall. Please pray for him. Also pray for another young man in our parish who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

8. Commission and Committee liaisons reports:

a. Worship and Spiritual Life (Liturgy) – Fr. William/Fern
The Lenten and Easter experiences were very good. Having extended confession times, Abbot Rooney talk, stations of the cross, sacred music all added to the spiritual experience. Often there was a second priest needed for confessions. Bishop Morlino has a strong message to Catholics in the Diocese on reverence in the Liturgy. There is a crisis in the church to do with Faith and how it is expressed in the Mass. There will be a focus on how we receive Holy Communion.

b. Religious Education & Formation – Ryan H.
Jim K. had a question on whether there will be a summer religious program for children since Totus Tuus is not available at St. Christopher Parish. Fr. Vernon will talk to Laurie S.

c. Parish Life – Ryan Z.:
April 23rd donut Sunday went smoothly, turnout was a bit down, 80 people
April 30th Parish Game Night and Potluck was well attended. 100+ attendees,
Good food, lots of games including bingo, 2 euchre tables, prizes for all ages.
Next donut Sunday - Mother's Day

d. Stewardship – Fr. William

e. Human Concerns / Social Justice / Pro Life – Sue:

f. Vocations – Fr. William

g. Building & Grounds – Jim Kinney: Fr. reported that the seams on the carpet at St. Andrew church were sealed. This was to address the concern that Sue and CCW had concerning the shabbiness of the carpet. He also said they will look into cleaning the upholstery. As far as replacing or removing the carpet, that will be in the future.

h. CCW – Sue Barker: the CCW will be hosted the Marriage Prep Class at St. Andrew's church on Saturday, May 6. We supplied breakfast and lunch for 54 attendees.

i. Knights of Columbus – Mark R –
Upcoming activities include:

1. Bratfest volunteering
 2. Hometown Days Bratstand
 3. 4th Degree ceremony (This is advancement from Knighthood to Sir Knight; a Sir Knight includes Patriotism along with Charity, Unity and Fraternity)
- KofC Ongoing activity:
1. 1st Friday of each month, participating Adoration (6 – 7 pm and 7- 8 pm)
 2. 1st Saturday of each month, assist with serving lunch to Verona community at BPNN
- KofC Recent past activities:
1. April 28-30: Raised donations for individuals with intellectual disabilities (Tootsie Roll Fund Raiser)
 2. April 29-30: Various Knights and their family attended the State Convention in Stevens Point
 3. Completed charity raffle ticket sales. 1,032 tickets sold

j. Respite Care Team – Ryan Z.:

- 7 partners served by 8 members for 30 hours of service
- Social May 11th
- Review of training manual in June

k. Saint Vincent De Paul Society – Mark R.-

Upcoming activities include: Serving a meal at the SVdP Port house for the homeless

Ongoing activities:

1. Various team members perform home visits and help out at the SVdP Food Pantry

Recent past activities:

1. April 29-30: Completed the SVdP food drive
2. Completed the Evicted Book Study

l. Technology – Mark H.:

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10

m. Adult Faith – Deb:

n. St. Hermine's Home – Fr. William

o. Other –

9. Next Meeting June 13, 2017 a social potluck and book discussion. The PPC will meet informally throughout summer to continue the book discussion.

10. 8:20 pm Closing Prayer - council

Issues Parking Lot: *Issues that may be discussed at a later date:*

Parish strategic planning and Joint meeting with Finance Council

Minutes submitted by Deb