

ST. BONIFACE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Father Joe.

Roll call was taken. Members Present: Father Joe, Tim Cable, Kathie Fahey, Mary Jeanne Feldkamp, Karen Gillespie, Mike Nolan, Rick Salerno, Jessica Shepard, Henry Wessler, Rosemary Welz. Jenni Lindgren was also present.

The minutes of the January 24 meeting were approved as published.

Father Joe and Council members reported on the following:

Ministries:

- Mary Jeanne Feldkamp reported that there will be a survey in the bulletin to determine the health issues of our parishioners.
- Mary Jeanne reported that the Health and Wellness Ministry met last week and discussed acquiring an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to keep in the church. Mary Jeanne distributed an information sheet regarding the device. It would be necessary to make sure that the AED is properly maintained and to have people at each Mass who are trained in its use. After discussion, Mike Nolan moved and Henry Wessler seconded that Mary Jeanne continue to explore obtaining the AED.
- We are currently looking for a place in church to store a wheelchair and other health aids, which are currently stored in the attic, to have them readily accessible in case they are needed during a church function.

Parish School:

- Jenni Lindgren reported that three outside doors in the school need to be replaced. Jenni has obtained several bids and is working to obtain more in the hope that the doors can be replaced this summer.
- Jenni reported that the Archdiocese is recommending that the lights in the school be replaced with LED lighting and will give us a loan for the cost, if necessary. Steve Hadley can do the work this summer. Steve will meet with Sister Miriam and Sister Ann to discuss this project. Steve will also be able to do any electrical upgrades that are necessary.

Liturgy:

- Father Joe reported that Easter is April 16. This Sunday, March 26, is Laetare Sunday. Father Joe encouraged everyone to attend as many of the Holy Week liturgies as possible.

Church Maintenance:

- Jenni Lindgren reported that the City of Cincinnati notified her that 197 squares of the public sidewalk on the perimeter of our property need to be replaced. Also, we might be removing some trees. Since this is a neighborhood-wide action by the city, Jenni hopes to work with some other Northside residents to possibly have all the sidewalk work done at one time for a reduced rate.

Financial:

- Father Joe reported that the parish pledged and paid \$28,000 toward the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Half of what is pledged in excess of our parish goal of \$23,000 will be returned to the parish. Rick Salerno added that St. Boniface has one of the highest percentages of parishioner participation in the CMA in the Archdiocese.
- Father Joe reported we have reached about 50% of our two-year pledge of \$25,000 to CAIN.
- A mission speaker will be at the parish sometime this summer.
- Jenni Lindgren distributed a financial report through February. Thanks to some unexpected bequests, the parish will finish the year in the black. Jenni is currently working on next year's budget.
- The parish has now received almost \$60,000 from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign. Ron Heidemann will be overseeing the parking lot project.
- The Fish Fries are going well and have been well attended.

Pastoral:

- The Missa Sacre group will perform in the church on March 26 at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for this performance.
- The Bible Study group has finished discussing St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. On April 5 they will begin discussing 2 Corinthians, Chapters 5, 6 and 7.
- Father Joe asked for prayers for Father Stricker who is nearing the end of his life.

Miscellaneous:

- Mike Nolan stated that the choir is still in need of a bass singer.
- Rick Salerno asked if the sacristy bells could be rung at Mass during the Consecration. Father Joe replied that this was a practice when Mass was celebrated in Latin and was used to call attention to the altar. One of the primary reasons for celebrating Mass in English is to have people realize the importance of the whole Mass; therefore, the bells are not necessary as attention should already be focused on the Mass.

New Business:

Council Elections -- The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates for Parish Pastoral Council, Anyone wishing to run for Council should contact the parish office. Candidates' bios will appear in the bulletin the weekend of May 13-14 and the election will be held May 20-21.

The next meeting will be May 23. The meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m. with prayer by Father Joe.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Welz, Secretary