

## Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes

November 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Ubly Parish Center by Karen Pichla. Fr. Charlie led with an opening prayer. Members present: Fr. Charlie, Karen Pichla, Dan Cregeur, Cathy Stacer, Jo Izydorek, Deb Peruski, Devin Irion, Karen Romzek, Shirley Piontkowski, and Paul Deo. Mary Donnellon was also present to represent the Education Committee.

The minutes from August 24, 2017 were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion by Devin Irion and a second by Paul Deo. Motion approved unanimously.

**Parish Updates:** Fr. Charlie handed out the October Count attendance results. Mass averages were as follows: St. John = 162, St. Joseph = 122, St. Columbkille = 202. This is a slight decline from 2016 results.

It was reported Jerry Wrubel touched base with both the Christian Mothers and Religious Ed to discuss his willingness and desire to help those groups out when preparing for a function at the Good Shepherd Ubly location.

The old hall/church has been sold to Perry Heleski. Jeanette will be working with Sandy this coming week to get the water, electric, and gas transferred to the new owners. The building is being cleaned out by the Christian Mother's and K of C.

Fr. also reported that the Argyle Rectory roof has been completed.

First Reconciliation for Good Shepherd is November 16<sup>th</sup> at St. John's. Confirmation is March 3<sup>rd</sup> with Good Shepherd and St. Isidore Parishes. There will be approximately 23 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from both parishes at Confirmation.

**Liturgical:** Karen Pichla reported that the Advent and Christmas Schedule was in the bulletin a few weeks ago, and it will be ran again in case parishioners didn't see it.

Families at all 3 sites will be lighting the Advent Candles at the start of masses. Fr. will announce their names to familiarize names with faces.

The Giving Tree will be at all sites again this year. It is a monetary donation. Please put the envelope in the collection basket, not back on the tree. There was confusion regarding this last year. Worthy recipients could be the Women's Shelter in Bad Axe, Eva's Place in Sandusky, or the Homeless Coalition in Bad Axe and Sandusky.

Altar servers have been trained and started assisting at masses. Judy Messing will run another session in November for St. John. There was a children's mass on October 15 at St. Columbkille, and the next one is Christmas Eve. Carmel Osentoski was asked to do another couple youth masses at St. John.

There will be a Thanksgiving mass on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius, Freiburg. Communal Anointing of the Sick will be at all weekend masses on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Communal Reconciliation Service is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 pm at Ubly.

Ash Wednesday for 2018 falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> and the next Liturgical Committee Meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrative:** Karen Pichla reported that Shirley P., Dan C., and Karen R. Pastoral Council seats expire in June of 2018. Anyone interested in joining should contact any parish council member or the Parish Center @ 658-8824.

**Education:** Mary Donnellon reported that the Fall Scripture Study has 20 members. The facilitators are Valerie Fischer, Lori Osentoski, and Mary Donnellon. Lately they have been getting members from other parishes like St. Hubert, Holy Apostles, and St. Isidore. They offer a Spring and Fall class, both lasting between 6 to 8 weeks. If you are interested in more details, contact one of the 3 ladies or the parish center.

The Youth Group's next meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ubly Parish Center. The All Saints Party was at the Parish Center on November 1<sup>st</sup> for students from all sites in grades Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. K of C made the meal.

**Christian Outreach:** Jo I. reported that they are willing and able to send out cards, but they need names and addresses of people. It could be for a wedding, baptism, sick, new parish members, and so on. She can be reached at 810-705-2948 or [joizydorek@gmail.com](mailto:joizydorek@gmail.com).

The Sew What Group has started back up for the year. Details are in the bulletin.

**Christian Mothers:** Shirley reported that the permanent parking lot/ water hole issue at the Parish Center has been taken care of by Esch's. K of C donated \$1000.00, and the remaining cost was split between the Christian Mothers and the Parish. The total cost was \$5390.00. The council would like to thank Jim Czewski for donating his time and talent gathering the bids and doing site preparation.

The Fall Bingo was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success. They are considering having them more frequently. There were 123 people and it was \$5.00 per card, with many playing more than one card.

Family Fun Night is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Ubly Parish Center.

The Christian Mothers is planning a parish garage sale during the 2018 Ubly Homecoming, July 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. Looking at selling tables and chairs, end tables, and other large items.

**Buildings and Grounds/Finance:** Devin I. reported that the savings account is lower than we normally like it to be because of all the maintenance work that has taken place over the last few years. It is time to rebuild the balance since we are about \$55,000 less than the normal, but the good news is we don't have any loans. This amount includes the work to be done on the Argyle furnace, tuck pointing, and plaster at St. John.

Good Shepherd has a 2017 CSA balance of \$10,696 that will be paid off in \$1000 payments per month.

The Car Raffle raised \$28, 589. Devin is looking for members willing to join him on the fundraising team to start planning the next event. He can be reached at 989-553-0587 or [devinirion@gmail.com](mailto:devinirion@gmail.com).

Devin noted that Jerry Sweeney talked to him about possibly needing new basement doors and cellar steps at St. Columbkille. Bids will be taken, but wouldn't cost more than \$1000.

Argyle parking lot and sidewalk was discussed. To tear out and redo would be a huge expense. Trying to figure out a way to take care of the worst spots until the money is there to fix the problem.

There was discussion about the "Remember your church when planning your estate" statement in the bulletin. It was brought to our attention that a life insurance policy can have the church listed as a beneficiary. In turn that makes your payments tax deductible. Possibly looking at getting the diocese to have a small workshop on the topic of gifting and estate planning.

**New Business:** The Ubly Elementary School is interested in using the Parish Center gym two nights a week for basketball practice. The standard procedure is for the tables and chairs to stay up because of last minute/ short notice for funeral dinners and gatherings. It was re-affirmed that its primary use is to serve the parish and a decision to allow its use was more than council could commit to at this time. Fr. also is worried about the condition of the tables and chairs. All the setting up and removal would cause extra wear and tear on the already aging furniture. A motion was made by Jo I. and seconded by Shirley P. to not allow outside use of the gym at this time. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The ball diamonds are still a go, but have yet to be started.

It was noted that the Boy Scouts need a representative on parish council. Jerry Sorenson formerly held this position. Cathy S. is going to contact Jerry to get the details of the position.

Then next meeting is scheduled for February 7th at Ubly, 7:00pm. The meeting was closed with the praying of the "Our Father". Motion to adjourn by Dan C. and seconded by Shirley P. Passed unanimously at 8:25 p.m.  
Submitted by Pastoral Council Secretary, Karen Romzek