

Good Shepherd Parish

Pastoral Council Minutes from 2-6-2019

Opening Prayer of the Hail Mary recited, in memory of Barb Sweeney, a longtime parishioner that passes away today.

Attendance: Karen Pichla, Shirley Piontkowski, Paul Deo, Debbie Peruski, Karen Romzek, Devin Irion, and Cathy Stacer. Guests were Sheila Grifka, Carolyn Peruski, and Sandy Peplinski. Absent: Fr. Charlie (due to health emergency), Christine Talaski, Jo Izydorek.

Review and approval of the minutes from 11-13-18 took place with a motion by Cathy to approve the minutes as written, with a second by Shirley. Unanimously approved.

Parish news: It was reported that the majority of the painting and plaster work are done in St. Johns, there are a few touch ups to do.

Finance: Devin I resigned as Chair of the Finance committee, but is still willing to be involved in Parish Council and the fundraising efforts. They will start forming a committee soon to begin fundraising. Sandy P discussed the balance sheets and budgets for the council and worked to clear up some questions a few members had.

Liturgical: Karen Pichla reported that Advent season went well with Fr. announcing the parishioners lighting the Advent candles each week. The organ at St. Joseph's was replaced with a used organ just before Christmas. A second organ, as a back up to this one, was also purchased and is located in the Argyle Hall.

Christmas Flower donations were \$1989.00 and the Giving Trees in the churches brought in \$1400.00 to be divided between the Women's Shelter in BA, and Eva's Place in Sandusky. Gifts were also purchased for 5 families in need. The gifts were either picked up or delivered to the respective recipients.

Lent Schedule:

Ash Wednesday: March 6th, 2019: St Joseph 8:30 am, Distribution of Ashes. St. Johns 12:00 pm, Distribution of Ashes. Religious Ed at Ubly, 4:30 pm, Fr. Charlie will distribute ashes. St. Ignatius 5:30 pm, Mass and Distribution of Ashes. St. Columbkille, 7 pm Distribution of ashes to Religious Ed and Parishioners.

A Communal Reconciliation will be scheduled for the Lenten Season, but no set date as of now.

Stations of the Cross will take place at St John's at 7:00 pm on March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10th. St. C's will have Stations at 7:30 pm on March 13, 27, April 3 and 10th. On March 20th the St. Columbkille Youth will lead the Stations on March 20th, **beginning at 7:00 pm.**

Easter Schedule: April 18th- Holy Thursday @ St. John's at 7:00 pm

April 19th- Good Friday @ St. John's at 2:00 pm

April 20th- Easter Vigil @ St. John's at 8:30 pm

April 21st- Easter Sunday @St. Joseph's at 8:30 am, St. C's @ 10:30 am

Sacrament of Confirmation is Saturday March 16, 2019 at St. Pancratius, Cass City, at 10:00 am.

The Next Liturgical Meeting is September 10th, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Parish Center, pending the New Priest's schedule.

Administrative: Karen P. reported that an insert will be in the bulletin seeking Parish Council candidates for 3 expiring terms. . Paul Deo, Devin Irion, and Karen Pichla terms will be ending June 30th.. Paul and Devin can re-submit their names in the drawing for a second term. Karen Pichla cannot do another term. Candidates will be installed at the Council meeting on May 1st.

Education: Sheila reported that the Youth Group (grades 6 thru 12) have met on September 16th, October 14th, December 2nd, 9th, January 6th, and February 6th with attendance varying between 12 and 15 students. On December 15th a group of 15 students and their band instruments went to Meadow Lane Assisted Living and played Christmas music for the residents. The group has been reaching out to Ruth and Parisville students as well, with a few attending from each. They have a meal, a faith lesson, and finish off the evening with some time in the gym. Fr. Rob, from St. Hubert in Bad axe, had a youth retreat on 11-11-18, and 4 students from Good Shepherd Attended.

Christian Mothers: The last Christian Mothers Meeting was 1-15-19, with 19 out of 136 members present. Brief discussion of the February 3rd Bingo and Family Fun Night took place. They held their Christmas Party afterward, with food, games and visiting. The Circles brought the food.

Bingo held on February 3rd was a success, with 22 games played and a great luncheon. Family Fun Night is scheduled for Marth 16, 2019 at the parish center. Concerned were brought up as to the cleaning of the parish center kitchen.

New Business: Sandy P. and the parish council revised and approved the hall rental fees. Every time the hall is rented, a special use permit must be obtained, and they are \$100 each. This is pretty much consuming any positive income for the parish. Flat fees were set at \$250 for St. C's and St. Ignatius. St. Joseph's is set at \$300. Motion for approval by Devin, with a Second by Shirley. Unanimously approved.

The next meeting is set for May 1st at 7 pm at the Parish Center.

Motion to adjourn by Devin with a second by Paul D. Unanimously approved.

Closing prayer of the Our Father was led by Karen P.

Submitted by Karen Romzek, Pastoral Council Secretary