

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2017

Attendance: Father Matt, Dan A, Jody, Cindy, Betty, Shannon

- A. Opening prayer** by Father Matt
- B. Daniel Parent has resigned-** Need replacement and new secretary, safety coordinator- Send note to Dan Parent for his contributions to this committee
- C. Approve minutes of February meeting-** Approved
- D. Old business**
 - **Update on computer program for parishioners- Check with Dawn/Wendy and report quarterly (January, April, July, and October).** First quarterly report to be April 2017
 - **"Year of Mercy" and how can we have an impact– Painting for church – Year of Mercy – Mary, Dawn.** Mary to check with Art Teacher and will coordinate with Dawn and Eileen L. One painting is complete, they are working on the next one. It was about 50% done as of the December meeting. Denise was working on it and the target completion is for Easter.
 - **Mission Statement for the Church Council-**Dan P. now longer with us –any volunteers to develop mission statement? Dan A. will work on it
 - **Church cleanliness** – New carpet cleaner has been ordered and delivered. Dan and Lori have been cleaning carpet in sections. Isles, Narthex and Alter areas have been cleaned. –Narthex to be redone, Sacristan area and Library to be done- in progress; Floors need to be cleaned. Make a list of jobs- Ask for volunteers. Breakdown of pews and ask for people to be responsible.
 - **Carpet repair- Betty** – the person in mind will not be doing this. Defer until carpet in office is replaced
 - **Goals for present year-** (see attached)
 - **Homeless shelter-** How do we proceed for 2017? Dan A. to call Jay Goodreau and see how to proceed with the zoning. If it is not possible to house them for a week, we will pursue other ways to participate such as being active in the volunteer pool or finding other ways to contribute. Jay was called and we will get a policy and procedure manual so we can better speak to this issue. May need to go to City to get information on the zoning and why it is prohibitive.
 - **March 3** – First Lenten Fish Fry was a success. New hood greatly reduced the smell in the hall. The fish and service were great. Please spread the word.
 - **March 17-** Fish and Chip Fish Fry- Need help- Betty Boch to help organize- Saturday cleanup at 10:00 help is needed
 - **Upcoming events-** We will need volunteers to help staff these. St. Anthony's will receive 70% of the profits from these events – Please help out as it should be a lot of fun, create a sense of community, and will help us fund other projects for the year. Contact Betty Bock/ Dan Aderman.
 - **March 25** – Cribbage Tournament
 - **March 31-** Smelt Fish Fry
 - **April 7** – Final Lenten Fish Fry
 - Dan A. will contact Jeff Champeau before the event and find out what he needs for help in putting on the Fish and Chip fish fry and relay this information to the Council for help.
 - Betty Bock to provide additional carpet scrubber to clean church carpeting. Thank you Betty. Dan to pick scrubber up and deliver to the church.-Betty brought the scrubber in- Done
 - Volunteer organizational listing – Dan to bring listings to meeting, divide them up between parish council members to distribute to leaders and update. Done- Lists were given to Cindy to put the final list together which will be given to Dawn and Wendy to be kept in the office.- Pending
 - Need someone to put together a trifold brochure for advertising the hall for weddings/events. This still needs to be done. Lori Aderman will put something together. There has been information distributed and we believe that the increased use of our hall will promote further use.- Pending
 - Volunteer recognition- February 26th- Pot luck- A Mexican menu has been suggested for the lunch after 10:00 mass. An invitation to include St. Mary's, St. Margaret's and Sacred Heart has

been sent out. Please contact Dawn to help with this event. Dan A. and Lori will help as well as Shannon. Thank you to be sent To Dawn and her family.

- Banners for Pillars- to be done after current paintings are completed-Mary

E. New business

- Other issues-
 - Evangelists to be here and will hold classes Mondays and Thursdays until after Easter
 - Dan A. to put minutes in our book while we do not have a Secretary
 - Parish Picnic Date- August 13th - Need to check with Randy about the Sound System
 - Parish Census next year – mailings to be sent out 2018 or 2019
 - Scholarship for graduating religious education students. Letters will be going out in a couple of weeks. Applications will be filled out and sent in. We will ask for donations to fund the scholarship. A panel will evaluate the applications and pick a recipient.

F. Next Meeting: April 18, 2017 at 5:30

G. Closing Prayer: Father Matt

H. Tabled items.

1. **Upgrade Confessionals – Dan Aderman**

Parish Council Goals 2017

1. Increase Attendance 10%
 - a. Change Mass times
 - i. Set baseline to monitor- Use quarterly data from each quarter to compare
 - ii. Monitor quarterly- Dan A. April
 - iii. Review January 2018
 - b.
2. Make our church more appealing
 - a. Banners on Walls- one banner complete. Goal is to have second banner to be completed for Easter
 - b. Cleanliness- clean carpets- ongoing- about 70% done
 - c. Repair end tables- completed January 2017
 - d. New book shelves for entrances- Dan A to work on
 - e. Swags/banner on pillars- Kathy Recla has volunteered to sew banners. Mary to contact her if help is need after the banners are completed.
 - f. Clean Choir Area – Out large TV in bulletin to be given away. (Dan A.)
3. Increase revenue with church hall events-collaborate with Knights of Columbus
 - a. Texas Hold'em Tournament January 14- completed
 - b. First Lentin Fish Fry - March 3-completed
 - c. Fish and Chip Fish Fry- March 17
 - d. Cribbage Tournament - March 25
 - e. Smelt Fish Fry- March 31
 - f. Final Lentin Fish Fry- April 7
 - g. Trifold Brochure for advertising the hall- Betty/Lori Aderman
4. Recognize volunteers for their contributions
 - a. Pot Luck February 26th-
 - b. Thank you notes recognizing efforts and/or recognition in bulletin or at church
 - c.
5. Work with Father Matt to review Mass for possible improvements
 - a.
6. Homeless Shelter- 2017 involvement
 - a. Obtain information on program from Toni Garvaglia and/or Jay Goodreau
 - i. Dan A. to call Jay Goodreau and will involve Father Matt – possible that we will have to attend City of Niagara board meeting to get specifics of zoning ordinance. Jay will provide policy and procedures.
 - b. Obtain information from Diocese on legal issues
 - c. Obtain information from City Council on zoning that prevents us from being involved
 - d. Find coordinators if we can participate
 - e. Find other ways of being involved if we cannot participate- Volunteer pool, financially?
 - f.
7. Increased communication
 - a. Minutes on the Website- talk with Dawn
 - b. More cooperation/collaboration with St. Margaret, St. Mary, and Sacred Heart
 - i. Invited to volunteer appreciation program
 - ii.
 - c.