

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Combined Financial and Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2017

Attendance: Father Matt, Dan A, Becky

A. Opening prayer by Father Matt

B. Approve minutes of April, May, June meeting- not enough members to approve -defer to July meeting.
Dan to send out before the meeting to get corrections and approval.

C. Old business

- **Homeless shelter-** Light at the Inn-Dan will find out when we can attend a city council meeting and Father Matt will talk with the city president to find out what barriers there are for us in pursuing being a host facility. Jay and other members of light at the Inn will assist the members of the parish council explaining the program at the meeting. Dan to coordinate with Jay. And talk with the city president to get the information on the zoning.
- **Church cleanliness** – Lori and Dan A. have been cleaning carpet in sections. Isles, Narthex and Alter areas, and isles have been cleaned. –Narthex has been redone; Sacristan area and Library to be done- in progress; Floors need to be cleaned-Pending
- Banners for Pillars- to be done after current paintings are completed-Mary to measure, design and get help as needed. Kathy Recla has volunteered to help. This will be done over the summer months- Pending
- Evangelists will return for follow- up. A group has been formed and will meet on Tuesday nights. – ongoing
- Parish Picnic Date- August 13th - Randy will take care of the Sound System- Knights may be purchasing a sound system – check with Dan Decker. Mary to talk with Donna and Dawn. Pans/people needed?
- Beyond Belief CD- Do we distribute to all? How many should we buy at once? - Excellent CD and should be provided to the members of the parish. – Finalize action item.
- Curtains for church hall – put brackets on walls for curtains which may be rented to help sound in the hall- Dan talked to Steve Roehl and he will send down some members of his staff to look at the hall and see what we need to do.
- Need replacement and new secretary, safety coordinator- Father Matt
- Dan A. to put minutes in our book while we do not have a Secretary – up to date and ongoing
- Thank you to Knights of Columbus for putting on the fish fries- Father Matt- done
- **Goals for present year-** (see attached)-deferred
- Other issues- Volunteers for Lions Club Picnic – Donna Moreau has volunteered to set this up – Need a thank you note- Father Matt

D. New business

“A better way to revitalize your parish – Rich Curran – “The Compass Friday June 16th, 2017 Vol 40, No 21. A parishioner called and stated this was a very good article and had some ideas for moving forward. Dan will call back and ask for specifics. Please read before the meeting and bring ideas to the meeting.

E. Tabled items

1. Upgrade Confessionals – Dan
2. Carpet repair in church- when carpet replaced in office area
3. Break down of jobs for cleaning the church- ask for volunteers to organize this- what was the past practice – who was doing this before – Table this item until someone would like to volunteer to do this
4. Book shelves for back of church- Dan
- 5.

F. Next Meeting: August 8th at 5:30

G. Closing Prayer: Father Matt

H. 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. Next report - August.
 - iii. Review January 2018
 - b.
2. Make our church more appealing
 - a. Banners on Walls- banners are completed
 - b. Cleanliness- clean carpets- ongoing- library, sacristy remains to be done
 - c. Terrazzo floor to be cleaned
 - d. Repair end tables- completed January 2017
 - e. New book shelves for entrances- Dan A to work on
 - f. Swags/banner on pillars- Kathy Recla has volunteered to sew banners. Mary to contact her if help is need after the banners are completed.
 - g. Clean Choir Area – Out large TV in bulletin to be given away. (Dan A.) – Dawn to put information in bulleting to give large TV away.
 - h.
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-completed
 - d. Cribbage Tournament - March 25-completed
 - e. Smelt Fish Fry- March 31-completed
 - f. Final Lentin Fish Fry- April 7-completed
 - g. Trifold Brochure for advertising the hall- Lori Aderman- completed
 - h.
4. Recognize volunteers for their contributions
 - a. Pot Luck Meal February 26,2017 – Dawn and her family provided the meal- completed
 - b. Knights of Columbus Fish Fries-Pending
 - c. Thank you notes recognizing efforts and/or recognition in bulletin or at church- ongoing –see minutes
 - d. Recognize volunteers at church during mass
 - e.
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.
 - ii. Father Matt has talked to Mr. Bousley and there will be a meeting to get information on zoning ordinance
 - 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- done
 - ii. Picnic- invite other parishes to our picnic- done
 - iii. Discussions with other parishes on Mass times-done
 - iv.