

St. Anthony's Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting minutes  
September 12, 2017

Attendance: Father Matt, Dan A, Mary, Cindy, Becky, Betty, Jody

**A. Opening prayer** by Father Matt

**B. Approve minutes of August meeting-**

**C. Old business**

- Homeless shelter- Light at the Inn-Dan will find out when we can attend a conference call with the city attorney and a municipal attorney for the state. We will be able to find out what barriers there are for us proceeding to be a host facility for Light at the Inn. Father Matt is coordinating with Mr. Bousley on a meeting with the Parish council and the city. -Pending meeting date from City
- Church cleanliness – Lori and Dan A. have been cleaning carpet in sections; Sacristan area and Library to be done-in progress; Floors need to be cleaned-Pending. Bill & Donna Moreau and Brian and Patty Sparpana are the head of the Worship environment committee
- 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. - Pending
- Parish Picnic Date- August 13<sup>th</sup> – The picnic had a good turn out with a lot of great food. There were many baskets donated for the private auction as well as a park bench. Other events were a water balloon slingshot and the corn hole tournament. A good time was had by all. Thank you cards needed. Donna and Rick Henrichs (soda and baskets), Betty Bock (baskets)Carrie Geldmeyer and Nikki Wolosyn (children's games& prizes), Greg Linsmeyer (cooker), Debbie and Randy Wodenka (Corn hole toss), Joe Champeau & David Sweig (Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs), Laura Brinkman and Shanna Champeau (announcing Bingo) Linda Hoagland, Donna Henrichs (organization), Randy Pilon (sound system)- Father Matt to send out thank you notes
- Beyond Belief CD- 50 CDs have been purchased and will be distributed. Additional CDs will be purchased as need arises. - Done
- Need replacement and new secretary, safety coordinator- Father Matt- Have vacancy put in the bulletin until filled. Donna Moreau's name was mentioned as a possible member and an issue of conflict of interest was mentioned. The Diocese's policy states that only one immediate family member may serve on the finance council or the pastoral council at the same time so this would not be possible while Bill is serving on the finance council.
- Dan A. to put minutes in our book while we do not have a Secretary – up to date and ongoing
- Goals for present year- (see attached)-majority of the goals have been accomplished or addressed. We have not succeeded at increasing our attendance. The change in Saturday mass times had the opposite effect than was expected. New goals will be set for 2018. Members discussed many possible goals. The Parish Council will participate in the Alpha Program during their Parish council meeting. The meeting will be held at a member's house and will consist of dinner, a twenty-minute presentation, and following discussion. No other goals were agreed upon and this will continue at the next meeting. There are some inventories on the diocese website.
- Other issues- Volunteers for Lions Club Picnic – Donna Moreau -Need a thank you note- Father Matt
- Missionary Disciples – Alpha program. Joe Tremblay will be coming to Niagara to train select representatives to start their training this year. One or two members from each group to commit to attending a November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan Decker and Donna Henrichs will attend this meeting. It will involve meeting 11 times for about 2 hours. Regional Discipleship Program schedules may be obtained on the Dioceses website. Registration must be done at least a week in advance – please contact Dawn if you plan to attend. The training is approximately 8 hours.
- Becky to be given the Orientation book -Done
- Raffle to help with boiler costs-Dan Decker presented information on a raffle to help with the boiler costs. Dan Aderman will help organize and parish council members will help sell ticket. Have the Fund-raising committee approve.
- Pasty sale- Donna Moreau and Lori Aderman are organizing a pasty sale with the proceeds to go towards the loan on the boilers. Preliminary plans are to start presales in October. They will start the prep work in the church hall on Friday, Nov. 3. Make/bake them in the hall on Nov. 4 with pick up at the hall later that day. They will be able to use some help on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forwarded when the plan is finalized. Council members voiced interest in helping preparation and distribution of the pasties.
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**D. New business**

- Goals for 2018
  - Missionary Disciples- Parish Council members to complete Alpha program
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- SACCW voiced concern on space in the new hall for their equipment that is needed for funeral dinners. If space is needed for their equipment, Randy will provide it for them.

**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. Curtains for church hall – table until arrangements can be made to meet with Steve Roehl’s staff member.
- 6.

**F. Next Meeting:** October 17th at 5:30

**G. Closing Prayer:** Father Matt

## 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- The second quarter showed a negligible increase (4) in the average amount of people over last quarter and a decrease of 36 people over last year. This has been the case since the change in times for Saturday from 4PM to 6PM. We do not have a number of people from St. Anthony's that are attending St. Margaret's at 4PM. Next review November 2017.
    - iii. Review January 2018
  - b. A group has been formed and will meet on Tuesday nights. – ongoing
  - c.
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 involve Father Matt – possible that we will have to attend City of Niagara board meeting to get specifics of zoning ordinance. Jay has provided policy and procedures.
    - ii. Father Matt has talked to Mr. Bousley and there will be a meeting with the city attorney and state municipal attorney to get information on zoning ordinance- pending
  - 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. Revised heading of bulletin to include St. Margaret and Sacred Heart information
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