

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

November 16, 2017

Present: Father Jerry, Deacon Marc, Mike Lauretti, Mike Linden, Marty Winiarski, George Trapp, Saad Mishkoor, Denny Kubczak, Ray Ignatowski, Chris Bonkowski, Tom Loria and Alina Amore.

Excused: Bea Ladochi, Jim Rohde.

Opening Prayer: Denny Kubczak led us in Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

- Introductions – For the benefit of our new pastor, Father Jerry, we went around the table to introduce ourselves and give a little background on what we are involved in at St. Paul of Tarsus.

Finance Council: Report given by Tom Loria.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- Merging of St. Gabriel and All Saints Parish in Detroit was discussed.
- Church safety was revisited.
- Preventative maintenance on buildings, boilers, etc. was discussed.
- Unleash the Gospel topic was discussed.
- Next meeting for priest only is scheduled for December 11, 2017.
- Next general membership meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2018 at 7pm.

Youth Update:

- The Youth Group is having a holiday sale after all masses on November 11-12 and 18-19.
- On November 12, we had a gathering to discuss the beatification of Father Solanus Casey.
- Wednesday, December 6th we are wrapping gifts at Meijer on Hall and Hayes from 6:30-8:00pm.
- On December 17th we are hosting coffee and donuts after 11:30 mass.

Worship Commission:

- We will begin decorating for Christmas after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on December 17th. There is Coffee and Donuts after Masses and a Men's Club event scheduled in the Social Hall that day at 2:00 p.m. but we will work around these events.
- Choir will be singing at a Prelude Concert at 8:30 p.m. on December 24 before 9:00 p.m. Mass. They are also singing for the Pantry volunteers at Meijer on December 6th.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets will be up soon for all holiday Masses for Altar Servers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Ministers of Hospitality.
- We are still looking for a volunteer to head the Sacristan ministry.
- Finalized holiday schedule:
 - Saturday, 12/23 4:00 p.m. Mass
 - Sunday, 12/24 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m. Masses (*no 11:30 a.m. Mass*)
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. Masses (8:30 p.m. Choir Prelude Concert)

- Monday, 12/25 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Masses
 - Saturday, 12/30 4:00 p.m. Mass
 - Sunday, 12/31 7:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m. Masses
 - Monday, 01/01 10:00 a.m. Mass
- Greg Willoughby is in his final year of training as a Permanent Deacon. He will be shadowing Deacon Marc for approximately the next ten months beginning the first weekend in Advent.

Religious Education – No Report.

Christian Service:

October activities:

- Men’s Group membership drive gains only two potential new members after recruitment drive.
- PATH Diabetes classes was well attended and have concluded

November activities:

- Holiday Grief sessions have begun with 6-8 people attending. This is through Reverence Hospice and they are pleased with this for a first time out at SPOT.
- Men’s Group sponsored a Veterans Mass and the Wall of Heroes was well received.
- Giving Tree (pantry) tags are up and are ready to be taken.
- RTL-Lifespan Christmas cards offered for sale this weekend, courtesy of our Respect Life Ministry

December Activities:

- Collection for underprivileged/needy teens at CVHS (hygiene products) will begin the First Sunday of Advent.
- Men’s Group Cookies with Santa on 12-17

General:

- All CS Groups/Ministries remain solid and steady in their respective ministries.
- Still looking for teens/young adults/college students to join the MFL trip in January.
- Beatification Mass a sell out and the bus from SPOT is a sellout.

K of C Report:

- Nov 19 11:30AM Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
 - Nov 19-26 MCREST at St John the Apostle Anglican Church
 - Dec 2– 3 K of C Ham & Kielbasa orders being taken
 - Dec 9 – 10 K of C Ham & Kielbasa orders being taken
 - Dec 21 2:00pm to 6pm K of C Ham and Kielbasa pick up
- On November 12th 4 memorial plaques with the names of our bother Knights that have died this past year was presented at the K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is one of the ways we remember our beloved deceased Brother Knights.
 - Also on November 12th our Pancake Breakfast was held, the proceeds were designated for the Gianna House.
 - On November 13th at the General Membership Meeting a collection was conducted for Christmas gifts that will be given to Holy Cross Children’s Services.
 - This is the third year that the K of C is partnering with the St John the Apostle Anglican Church, on Canal Rd. St John at their church will be housing 30 men during the week of Nov 19-26, 2017.

Pantry Report:

- October Stats:
 1. Families Served: 167
 2. People Served: 374 (# of people in those 167 families)
 3. Volunteers: 56
 4. Volunteer Hours: 431
 5. Days Open: 13
- We are sponsoring 78 kids for our Meijer shopping night. We allow each family to spend \$50 on each child. (78*50=\$3900). Last year Meijer gave us all the money to support these kids. This year Meijer will not be able to give us any money. So far from donations we collected about \$2400. We requested a check be cut from our pantry acct to cover the rest of the funds needed.

Upcoming happenings:

- Giving Trees up November 9 – Dec 3. Supporting MCREST, Birthright & our pantry. Donations are due no later than Monday, Dec 4th.
- Separately from the giving tree we are supporting St. Isadore baby pantry and St. Pio baby pantry via donations of diapers/wipes/baby formula and food.
- We will be closed Nov 22 & 23.
- Dec 6th: 6pm Shopping Nights at Meijer with our Adopt-A-Family – choir is singing, Kat's youth are doing gift wrapping. Parish can sign-up to help on the sign-up sheet posted on our bulletin board in the hallway. We are trying to get news coverage for this!
- Pantry will be closed Dec 21 – Jan 3.

New Business:

- Parish Mission was discussed.
- Parishioner at 7:45am mass contacted a member of Parish Council to request lights be turned on earlier. She gets to mass at 7:20am and the church is dark.
- Parishioner contacted Parish Council member to state that he volunteered as asked through the bulletin to be a Eucharistic Minister. He still has not been contacted after nearly two months. He withdrew his name from consideration. This shouldn't happen and was referred to Worship commission representative look into the matter.
- Parish Council's next coffee and donuts assignment is Sunday, December 3rd after the 11:30am mass.
- 2 people have resigned from Finance Council. If anyone has any experience or knowledge in Finance or knows someone please send that interest in a letter to Father Jerry.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of October 19, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Jim Rohde will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Denny Kubczak led us in Closing Prayer.