

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish Pastoral Council
January 22, 2019

Members and Guests Present:* Tina Bradshaw, Tony Cooper, Cindy Rapp, Fran Reiley, Becky Cope, Helen Flanigan, Norb Fuhs, Maria Gomez, Mike Veenhuizen, Joe Neeson, Karen Carpenter, Kent Clady, Stacie Hocker, Mike Kalscheur, Audra Ferguson, Matt Sierp and Patty Schnarr

Members Absent:* Preston Marunde, Steve Pappas, Luis Barajas, Charlie DiGiovanna, and Carolyn Gibson

The January meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was called to order by Chairman Norbert Fuhs. Monsignor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Comments from the Chair: Norb Fuhs discussed Monsignor's retirement celebration. He announced Denise Defenderfer has volunteered to coordinate this event with the Vocation Committee and the Knights of Columbus.

Minutes: The November minutes were reviewed with a motion to approve, by Joe Neeson and seconded by Tina Bradshaw; motion passed.

Commission Reports

Christian Service: Cindy Rapp reported on the Hearts for Hatti ministry. She reported the ministry has been improving the lives of children and families in St. George's Parish for ten years. All funds come from the generosity of OLG families and friends. It was reported that chair, Pat Hagan, had spoken at Masses and thanked all for their support.

Faith Formation: Helen Flanigan reported on upcoming events. We discussed Advent's small groups using Formed. Helen reminded us that the Lenten speaker will be Archbishop Thompson on Wednesday, March 20th.

Youth Ministry: Patty Schnarr reported on the Right for Life March in Washington. She said 46 youth and 6 adults made the trip. Patty said the weather has been a problem the last couple of years and the group did not meet up with any other groups from Indiana. It was reported the archdiocese sponsors a local march and Mass today, January 22, also. After much discussion the PPC and Patty recommended we focus on the local Archdiocesan march in the future.

School: Audra Ferguson reported on new efforts for fundraising including a recent event at the Artcraft Theater and an online silent auction. Discussed Catholic School Week with an open house for new and current students on Sunday January 27th. Also discussed keeping the alumni involved.

Social/Family Life: Steve Pappas sent a report stating members of the K of C also attended the March for Life in Washington and plan to participate in the March today in Indianapolis. Also reported the Cub and Boy Scouts had a camping weekend with their fathers to begin the New Year.

Spiritual Life: None

Stewardship: Mike Veenhuizen said how thankful we should be that the parish stepped up to Monsignor's call and we ended up better than expected. Discussed increasing stewardship and stressing electronic giving. Fran reported half of our monies come in electronically.

Financial Report - Fran Reiley reviewed the financial highlights. She reported the Christmas collection was \$33,265.86.

Development – Tony Cooper discussed the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal saying our goal is \$138,513 and we pledges of \$137,957. Of our 1,741 households, 427 pledged or 24%. Also discussed school development and Catholic School Week, January 27 – February 1st.

Old Business:

Postponed until next month - PPC constitution, Article II: Membership.
Officers will meet with Monsignor.

New Business:

Discussed upcoming meeting with Fr. Robert Sims and Fr. John McCaslin of the Priest Personnel Board. PPC members offered to meet with parishioners after the Masses this weekend to get their suggestions on skills and characteristics the new pastor should have.

Open Floor: Mike Kalscheur discussed a small water heater for the sacristy. He said he wanted to take care of it and would discuss with the other EMHC. All agreed to let him run with this.

Comments from the Pastor: None

Closing Prayer led by Monsignor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Rapp
Secretary

*Attendance Corrected