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**Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2017**

Those in attendance:

Gerry Klock, President
Lynn Duncan, Secretary
Brandi Ellis
Janice Howard
Fr. Martino
Mark Czachowski, Ex-officio, Finance Committee

Those absent:

Mike Felipe, Vice President
Joe Colanero
Lisa Ganser
Rick Rafter
Polo Rodriguez, Ex-officio, Stw. Committee

Fr. Martino opened the meeting with prayer at 7:08.

Disposition of Minutes

Janice motioned that the November meeting minutes be approved with correction and motion was passed.

Old Business

Ministry Updates-

- (a) Joe- Service Ministry- No Report.
- (b) Lisa- Formation Ministry- No Report
- (c) Brandi- Prayer Ministry- Verbal Report- Appendix A
- (d) Janice- Hospitality Ministry- Verbal Report- Appendix B

St. Boniface Sign will be placed as you enter Effingham County. Mike Felipe is working on it with Reggie Loper.

Brandi followed up with Celeste on monitors for the Faith Formation doors during classes. There has been no reply from previous requests. Another request will be made after the holiday. Father suggested that for next year it be a requirement for parents to volunteer for a weekend. The parents will have to be Virtus trained. Brandi will run this by Celeste to get her feeling of the idea.

Bishop Hartmayer's letter is about a program called Living the Eucharist. This is a diocesan program that starts around Lent. It is a long term program that we will do when we can.

Keep following up with ministries to encourage all members be Virtus trained. Also, Father informed the Council that there is a bit of a gray area for volunteers that turn 18. They can still serve in their ministries during the fiscal year they turn 18. They do need to get trained as soon as possible but have a bit of time to do so after their birthday.

Gerry is going to follow up on name tags for Parish Council nametags.

Also remind your ministries to book everything on Pattie's calendar.

Fr. Martino is going to put the Discipleship Committee in charge of coming up with a slogan for the Capital Campaign. It needs to be simple, short and have reference to our parish's interest so that Fr. Martino can

use it in his Homilies. It will be run by the Parish Council before it is finalized. A possible suggestion is S.E.E.K.- Service Evangelize Empower Knowledge

Religious Education of children after Confirmation has been brought up as a need for the parish. Youth Group is a service and social group that takes place on Wednesday nights but does not provide education. A Sunday class focusing on education of teen youth is needed. A few adjustments will be needed when this program is started. Teen Youth will not be able to assist in Faith Formation classrooms as it will be important for them to receive more education themselves.

The 9th grade will have a Confirmation Class so that leaves the 10, 11, 12 grades. It was suggested to rotate a three year program considering of three different subjects and so that each year a new thing is covered but all the grades can study together for comradely. Also, it was suggested that the class also involve current college age students as teachers or teacher aides to help as positive peers influences that really understand what the teens are going through. The meeting place could be upstairs above Fr. Martino's help but the stairs will need to be fixed before that can happen. Also, another motivator would be for the teens to get to go to fun retreats or other diocesan events, they must attend the classes.

This class needs to have more than one adult volunteer to teach the class, possibly two different young couples along with the college students.

The Welcoming Sub-Committee Newcomers Breakfast was a hit on December 3, between Masses. It was a bit of a time crunch but in the future, not worry about cleaning up before Mass. Just push it to the back of the church and go from there. These breakfasts will continue as needed 3-4 times a year. The next one will be held April 22, 2018.

Christmas China Raffle- Fr. Martino's friend won the china and it was donated back to the church for raffle again next year.

Brick Sale- A Brick Sale will start in January. Market this for 1st Communion and Baptism gifts.

Nativity Display- Was canceled this year. Will try again next year at the beginning of Advent.

Poem- was suggested by Cindy Felipe and read to the Council on the beauty of building a Catholic Church. The poem could be used in conjunction with the capital campaign material to build the church.

Gartland Award- was issued to Emma and Richard on November 26 at the Cathedral. Patti will update the plaque in the lobby of the Church. Possible names for the next couple of years- Patti & Tom Liebl, Polo Rodriguez, Bill Fogerty, Joe Colanero, Alan & Gloria Bazemore, Robin & Don Smith

We will host a Christmas Posada event on Dec. 22nd at 6:00 p.m. This is a Mexican tradition that celebrates the journey to Bethlehem for the Census.

New Business

The 8th grade classroom is really not conducive to a learning environment. Father will talk to Catholic Focus moving into the Youth Group Room connected to Father's House. TV's might also need to be purchased for classrooms as the curriculum changes.

Fr Martino is working of a list of possible candidates to become a deacon. So far, he has come up with Paul Tanguay and Polo Rodriguez.

Finance Update- Mark Czachowski

No report at this time

Father's Update- Fr. Martino

No report at this time

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:15.

Notes taken by submitted by Lynn Duncan on January 22, 2018

Appendix A – Prayer Ministry Report, Brandi Ellis

Lectors- Denise reports that all Lectors are Virtus trained but will triple check

Rosary- No Report

Choir- The Saturday Choir will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass and the Christmas Day Mass. Father has asked the Nuns to sing at the Midnight Mass.

Altar Servers- 3 new Altar Servers were trained in September

Appendix B – Hospitality Ministry Report, Janice Howard

Bereavement- No funerals

Family Promise- No Update

Parish Life- Working on the Ecumenical Council Dinner that will take place on Jan. 21st at 1:30 p.m.