

Tri-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 21, 2017 6:30 – 8:00 PM

St Mary Heim Hall

Minutes submitted by Marilyn Putz

**Attendance:** Fr. Jim, Fr. Carlos, Magali Barajas and Sr. Emma      Excused or Absent:      None

**Trustees:** Terri Newbury, Dan Haacker      Excused or Absent: Barb Bakshis, John Gabaldo, Bob O’Neill, Jim Schuster

**Pastoral Council Members;** Brian Daniel, Mark Ehlen, Mary Ann Johnson, Marilyn Putz, Jacki Scholze, Randy Tritz.

Excused or Absent: Pam Aldrich, Geri Henningfield and George Whitehead

Brian Daniel opened the meeting and opening prayer was offered by Jacki Scholze.

Marilyn Putz noted that agenda be modified to add Deanery Meeting Report under new business.

**October Minutes:** Approved by consensus.

**Fr. Jim’s Comments:**

-St Charles and St. Joe’s Annual Meetings went well.

-St. Mary Finance Council has decided to sell 2 properties on Randolph St. since they are not needed for any future expansion. Fr. will request permission from the Archdiocese for this sale.

**Chairperson Comments: Brian Daniel**

-Thanked Pastoral Council members who have attended the Annual meetings, it is important that members attend events at all 3 parishes. -Brian noted there has been a large attendance giving input at the recent Steering Committee meetings. Brian encouraged PC members to stay engaged with the process and remind parish members that we all have the best interests of the children of our schools at the heart of this process. Jacki Scholze, a steering committee member, also asked that we pray for God’s guidance as the process moves forward and that the Holy Spirit helps everyone to keep an open mind. Fr. Jim mentioned that the Council will go into executive session to discuss the Steering Committee proposals at the January meeting.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

(Reminder to Liaisons to inform their committee secretaries to send the approved meeting minutes to each parish so they can post them on their websites.)

Liaisons need to report only significant information that needs feedback for the Council.

**Worship/Liturgy liaison Fr. Carlos:** -Fr. Carlos and the 3 committees will meet with Bob O’Neill to begin the planning for the Outdoor Mass for next summer, George Whitehead volunteered to chair it. –Mass

schedules will be adjusted due to Christmas Eve and the fourth Sunday of Advent falling on the same day.

**Human Concerns liaison Jacki Scholze:** -The 3 committees provided the meal for a recent Family Life session. –Hope to have meeting on crisis plan in 2018 with the Mayor, Brian would like to attend that meeting,

**Evangelization and Formation liaison Pam Aldrich:** -Intentional Discipleship team doing a meal for Family Life and Terri Newbury reported that they are spreading the word about “Formed.org”.

**Stewardship/Parish Life liaison Mark Ehlen:** -Holiday Social with probably be at St. Joe’s, maybe in January. St. Joe’s Casino Night in February.

### **School Advisory**

**St. Charles liaison Mary Ann Johnson:** Nov. 15 meeting, working on budget at next meeting and researching tuition at other area schools.

**St. Mary liaison Brian Daniel:** Reported that the combined Catholic Athletic program is running very well.

### **Finance**

**St. Charles liaison Marilyn Putz:** Working on insurance renewal for employees and reviewed financials.

**St. Joseph liaison Geri Henningfield:** -Reviewed status on insurance claim from July flood and other building and grounds projects.-Reviewed financials.-2 anonymous donors for this year’s Matching Funds Campaign

**St. Mary liaison is Randy Tritz:** -Went through finances and will begin budgets soon. -New schedule for more frequent drawdowns for auto-payments.

### **Catholic Community Events:**

Hispanic events:  
Dec. 3-10 Novena  
Dec. 9 at 10:00, four couples will be married  
Dec. 15 Posadas (Novena)  
Dec. 11 at 8:00 pm, our Lady of Guadalupe mass and celebration  
Dec. 24 Mass at 8 pm not at noon

### **Old Business:**

-School Steering Committee Report: Discussed work of the Committee earlier in the meeting. The work is on target to bring recommendations to the Pastoral Council at the January 16, 2018 meeting.

-Time and Talent Survey: Forms are coming in at all 3 parishes.

-Mark Ehlen has agreed to serve another 1 year term on the Pastoral Council. St. Mary is the only parish

-Comments on October joint meeting with committees: Will meet one time a year with committees from now on. In summer the PC Secretary will send the plans to work together that they developed at the meeting for them to work on before they meet with PC in Fall.

**New Business:**

-Vicars will visit all parishes this year with a survey from the Archdiocese.

-A Voice of the Parishes agenda item will be added to future agendas to allow input from parish members, this is how it will appear on the agenda:

**Voice of the Parishes:** (opportunity for parish member input)  
(Due to time constraints, input is limited to a total of 30 minutes)

**Action Items for next meeting:**

None

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Next Meeting January 16, 2017 at St. Charles Andre Hall 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Volunteer for Opening Prayer: Teri Newbury

Volunteer for Closing Prayer: Mary Ann Johnson

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Closing Prayer by Brian Daniel

Meeting Adjourned by Brian Daniel