

Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017

The following were present: Fr. Rick Walling, Roger Kaiser, Sarah Brunswick, Ellen Homan, Charmaine Bettinger, Larry Schmitmeyer, Linda Stelzer, Michelle Winner, Jenny Bruns, Denny Knapke, Joe Rose Jr., and Theresa Diller. Members of the Finance/Maintenance committee met earlier in the evening.

The meeting opened with prayer and faith formation. The minutes of the August 21st meeting were amended to include the addition of Roger Kaiser as an attendee.

Reports

Finance Maintenance (Ellen Homan/Roger Kaiser/Jenny Bruns)

Sunday collections are up \$6,125 from budgetary amounts through October 31, 2017. On September 18, 2017, the finance/maintenance committee and parish council met to discuss a proposal from Rays Refrigeration on upgrading the air conditioning system in church. The original air conditioning was installed in 1996 with four chiller barrels. One barrel is not working and the second barrel is leaking. Rays recommended to change the four barrels with more efficient plate chillers. There are eight outside air conditioning units located outside and two of the units are marginal. Rays suggested that we may want to consider changing these two units soon. After discussion, the finance/maintenance committee and the parish council unanimously decided to have Rays Refrigeration install four plate chillers and replace two outside units. The total cost of this project will be approximately \$35,000.00. The two committees then met with DLS Installations from Findlay, Ohio concerning a new sound system in church. The cost of upgrading the sound system was \$23,885.00. This would include a digital mixer, 18 new speakers, 3 amplifiers, hearing impaired system and installation costs. After much discussion, the committees decided to meet again on October 2, 2017 to discuss different options for the proposed sound system.

On October 2, 2017, the finance/maintenance and parish council met again to discuss the sound system with DLS Installations. It was decided to install 10 new speakers versus the original 18 speakers and remove from the quote the cost of the hearing impaired system. The new quote after these changes would be approximately \$16,300.00. The committees felt that more research needs to be done for the hearing impaired system. Ellen Homan and Joe Rose will research additional options for the hearing impaired system. Then the finance/maintenance committee and parish council unanimously voted to move forward with the new sound system for a cost of \$16,300.00.

Education (Charmaine Bettinger)

- The first half of the CCD year is going really well. Seventy nine students were confirmed on September 24th, and fifty eight second graders made their first reconciliation, on November 29th.
- We had a special Praise & Worship Adoration with reconciliation on November 8th for high school students. It was well received. Our next one is scheduled for February 28th.
- Teachers/aides, monitors and subs are doing a tremendous job again this year. We are so blessed. 62 teachers/aides and monitors plus 5 subs have been used this year.
- Pre-school/Kindergarten is going well. We have 53 kids in preschool, our largest in years, and 45 in Kindergarten.
- Christmas Break is in three weeks. Thank you in advance to the Knights of Columbus for partnering with us on the Crib Blessing, and to the Youth Group for putting on two performances of the Coffee House for the CCD students.
- CYO: Adam Buening has been doing a tremendous job as CYO coordinator. There are 5 teams.
- CCD Advisory council has three new members, Jason Cupp, Stephanie Timmerman, and Amy Day. One of the members wanted to bring to our attention how the students responded on a Sunday evening when one of their classmates was in an accident. The students went to church and prayed as a group.

Youth (Susan Jenkins/Sarah Brunswick)

- The topic for the Fall lessons was focused on J.O.Y.—Jesus, Others, You. As a part of that, members had a homeless simulation that included guest speakers from O.U.R. Home Family Resource Center, games that helped members understand some of the needs that face those that are less fortunate, and sleeping outside in

cardboard boxes. As a result of what was learned, members did a sock and underwear collection for O.U.R. Home to pass out to those in need.

- There will be 3 performances of the Coffee House. The first one is open to the public and will be Sunday, 12/10 at 7:30 pm. The second and third performances will be on Wednesday night, 12/20 for the CCD program.
- Youth Group members will be going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January with the Mercer County Right to Life. Holy Trinity will have 8 youth and 3 adults going along with 8 youth and 2 adults from St. Anthony parish. K of C Council #1991 will offset the cost of the Holy Trinity students.
- Members will again be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference the weekend of July 13 – 15. They will be attending a little later this year to make it possible to attend when Archbishop Schnurr will be there celebrating Mass. Holy Trinity had the largest group attending last year with 43; however, this year we have 49 students and 12 adults registered! The Guardian Angel program will be promoted in the near future as a means to offset the cost of the conference for those attending. Our parishioners have been very generous in the past, and we pray that generosity will continue as they see the value of the conference and consider this an investment in our future.

Social Action (Linda Stelzer)

- The Social Action Committee met on Monday, November 6. Ash Wednesday is February 14. The committee is scheduling Lenten speakers including Deb from O.U.R. Home and the director from the Senior Citizen Center. Dates will be set after 'The Light is On' night is determined.
- The Methodist Shoe Box Ministry filled 1,625 boxes. Holy Trinity collected crayons to put into those boxes.
- Soon collections of coats, gloves, and hats will begin. These items will be donated to O.U.R. Home and/or Call Food Pantry.

Worship (Joe Rose)

The Worship Committee reported the addition of 9 lectors and 20 new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. There is a need for additional ushers for our Parish.

Old Business

- Sidewalk cracks in front of the church steps have been temporarily caulked/filled in. A more cosmetically appealing fix will be completed in the spring.
- The Long Term Planning Committee (Mike Hoying, Ellen Homan, Terry Liette, Roger Kaiser, Mary Lou Wenning, Christy Grieshop, and Diane Wellman) continues to meet. They are looking at options for a possible parish center as well as discussing how we can turn around the decline of Sunday mass attendance.

New Business

Some parishioners have commented about the traffic congestion after morning Mass. Morning Mass lets out around the same time that incoming school traffic is the heaviest. Any suggestions would be welcome.

Pastor's Remarks

- Father expressed his gratitude for Father Witt and the rest of his staff for covering in his absence. He is very appreciative of all they do.
- Peter Andrastek from Milwaukee and Evangelical Catholic will be the speaker for our upcoming cluster mission scheduled for January 22–24.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, February 26, 2018

Monday, May 14, 2018