

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018

Summary

- ◆ Pastor's Update: the Parish Lenten dates are March 19 and 20; Father Mendonza will be speaking.
- ◆ Imagine St. Basil's: Pastoral Council is making progress on implementing the recommendations and is working on improving collaboration between the Ministries.
- ◆ Other Business: the work on the Bell Tower is almost complete.

Pastor's Update

- ◆ The Parish Lenten dates are March 19 & 20 starting at 7.00 to 9.00 pm.
 - ◇ The preacher is Fr. Lester Mendonza
- ◆ We conclude the mission with the Lenten reconciliation service on Tuesday the 20th.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday is on February 14th (mass will be in the morning and evening)
- ◆ Mary's Way of the Cross and the Social Justice Ministry's Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent

Green Church

- ◆ Put a focus on Lent as a time to launch a weekend speaker to discuss 'greening' the church, and a campaign to tell the government to cut back on fossil fuels etc.
 - ◇ Trying to encourage people to refrain from using bottled water in the Church

Christmas Dinner

- ◆ The event was a success
- ◆ 75 people attended

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- ◆ A chart is being prepared to compare the recommendations with the Church's progress in implementing them. For example:
 - ◇ The google calendar is up and running,
 - ◇ The webpage is up and being regularly updated
 - ◇ A communications committee has been created
 - ◇ WiFi is coming to the Parish Hall
 - ◇ The reorganization of the Ministries is completed
- ◆ We haven't had meetings from various committees together; we are aware we need to increase opportunities for collaboration between Ministries and are working to develop such opportunities
- ◆ The Chairs of the Ministries will be invited to the next Pastoral Council Meeting
- ◆ Pastoral Council will need to recruit new members

Other Business

- ◆ Need to work on recruiting altar servers and increase training and teaching opportunities
- ◆ Work on the Bell Tower is almost complete
- ◆ Electrical work is almost done too
- ◆ An announcement will be placed in the Bulletin highlighting the renovation improvements once they are complete

Next Meeting: February 15, 2018