

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2017

Summary

- ◆ Pastor's Update: the repairs in the Church are moving forward nicely. The Advent and Christmas schedule are being posted.
- ◆ Communications: A new Communications Team has been formed to improve Parish communications, a pilot project is underway with the Children's Liturgy to test new methods for sharing information.
- ◆ Green Church: Ministries have been challenged to come up with an initiative that could support the Green Church.

Pastor's Update

- ◆ The Advent and Christmas schedule will be posted in the Bulletin
 - ◇ Advent reconciliation mass is on December 14, 2017
- ◆ 2018 Calendars highlighting Catholic days of worship will be available in the Narthex for a small fee
- ◆ Repairs in the Church are moving forward. The Diocese has approved the repairs
 - ◇ The repairs on the Bell Tower are moving forward nicely
 - ◇ The electrical work is ongoing, but the repairs behind the alter will be completed shortly
 - ◆ The lights in the church are being replaced with LEDs. There may be some scaffolding in the church for a short period of time. The repairs will not interfere with Mass
 - ◇ The heating system is also being looked at for repairs

Faith Formation

- ◆ Pastoral Council is considering a Lenten Mission for two to three evenings in Lent.
 - ◇ Father James is booking a speaker
- ◆ Pastoral Council is also considering running an Alpha Program next Fall
 - ◇ Pastoral Council will work with the Diocese to organize the program

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Committee Budgets

- ◆ Budget sheets are being submitted by the Ministries
- ◆ Pastoral Council is considering developing standard procedures for the Budget process and will talk with the Office to gather more information

Communications

- ◆ A Communications Team has been created to improve Parish communications
 - ◇ At the first meeting they created a starting point for improving two-way communications, advertising events, and making timely announcements
- ◆ The Communications Team wants to make better use of the bulletin by improving the formatting
- ◆ The Communications Team also wants to encourage the Chairs of the Committees to make better use of the website by posting their meeting minutes
 - ◇ This will entail ensuring the Ministries have access rights to post content on the website
 - ◇ The Communications Team is also proposing that more photos be taken at Parish events and posted to the website
- ◆ There is also a pilot project under development with the Children's Liturgy group to test the effectiveness of Flocknote for communicating events to Parishioners. The pilot will begin in December and be monitored on an ongoing basis to determine its effectiveness
- ◆ The Christmas and New Years mass times will be posted in the news paper
- ◆ Fr. James has suggested temporary bulletin boards near Maitland with the Christmas and New Year's mass times

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Green Church

- ◆ LED lights are being put in the Church (unclear whether the lights in the basement will also be changed)
- ◆ The Green Team has issued a challenge to the Ministries to come up with an initiative to add to the Green Church (could be as a Ministry or for individual parishioners)
- ◆ A specialized email account will be set up for the Green Team
- ◆ The Green Team is also looking to update the guideline for using the Hall to encourage people to adopt green practices

Other Initiatives

- ◆ The Christmas Dinner will be on December 17th
- ◆ The Poster and Coffee Sunday proposed at the October meeting will be postponed until after Christmas
- ◆ Pastoral Council is also considering ways to highlight the driveway on Maitland Ave to make it more visible
- ◆ The December Pastoral Council meeting will take place electronically