

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Issue 209

February 4, 2019

The 209th meeting of the Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council took place on Monday, February 4, 2019 in the meeting room of the Parish Center.

Joseph Bianca called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The opening prayer was read by all Council members present. The Mission Statement was read by Wade Brunelle.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting, was made by Krzysztof Jaworowski and seconded by Joanne Rollins.

In **attendance** were: Joseph Bianca, Wade Brunelle, Bozena Jaworowski, Krzysztof Jaworowski, Lucyna Lewinski, Fr. Rene Parent, Annette Perry, Wanda Pluciennik, Peter Polak, Joanne Rollins, Beata Szpak and Deacon Charles Wainwright.

Absent: Dennis Hamel.

Guest: Stephen Oleksak Sr.

Committees Reviews:

Ministry & Worship:

Lucyna Lewinski - didn't have much to report. Waiting for the results of the survey.

Building & Maintenance:

Krzysztof Jaworowski had nothing new to report.

Stephen Oleksak and Krzysztof Jaworowski will try to figure out what they can do about the dull lighting on the pulpit.

Social:

Lucyna Lewinski stated that the Calendar Raffle was a success. 513 tickets were sold.

The profit was \$1,245.00. She thanked Stephen Oleksak for printing the tickets.

No new social events are being planned.

Religious Education:

Deacon Charles Wainwright stated that the Confirmation preparations will begin soon.

There is a concern regarding the shortage of CCD teachers. A teacher is especially needed for the Confirmation class. Deacon Charles Wainwright will try to get in touch with Gina, who's in charge of Faith Formation for the Diocese, to see if she has any suggestions regarding CCD teachers for the Confirmation class.

Deacon Charles Wainwright posted a few important questions:

- How can we incorporate more CCD teachers?
- How can we encourage people to help with teaching CCD classes?

Annette Perry reported that the “Souper Bowl of Caring” went very well. The children from Religious Ed. helped and in one weekend (Saturday & Sunday) they collected \$568.07, which was donated to St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

Community of Faith:

Dennis Hamel was absent. No report.

Social Justice:

Bozena Jaworowski stated that the Easter “Giving Tree” to benefit the Bethlehem House in Easthampton will be up the weekend of March 2 & 3. Annette Perry will put the notice in the bulletin on February 26. It will be the same format as for the Soldiers Home.

Sick & Homebound:

Joanne Rollins reported that a few New Eucharistic Ministers went out for the first time to visit the sick and homebound parishioners. It was a very positive experience for them.

Youth Ministry:

- Annette Perry reported that about 70 people signed-up for the “Family & Senior Snowflake” Ice cream social. The Rosary Society donated all the fixings and \$100.00.
- the Holy Trinity Basketball – 3 on 3 tournament is planned for March 29-30. The Holy Name Society donated \$100.00 toward the tournament.

Finance Council:

Wade Brunelle didn’t have nothing monumental to report. Our financial situation is good, with positive cash flow. Adequate funding is available, if needed.

One of our major projects for the future will be the replacement or a significant repair of the front stairs of the church.

Boiler fund – still waiting for the final bid to be accepted and approved.

Old Business:

Fr. Rene Parent reported that 20 survey questionnaires were returned. They will be given to Ministry & Worship Committee to look it over and review the results of the survey at the March meeting.

The next survey questionnaires will go out as follows:

- February 16 and 17 - Social Justice and Sick & Homebound Committees with return on February 23 and 24
- March 9 and 10 - Building & Maintenance and Finance Committees and return on March 16 and 17
- April 6 and 7 - Religious Education and Youth Ministry and return on April 13 and 14
- May 11 and 12 - Social Committee and others with return on May 18 and 19

Joseph Bianca suggested – as new business for the next meeting to bring other questions to combine with social.

New Business:

Stephen Oleksak stated that the Parish Fall Fest is planned for September 15, 2019. Pilsudski Park in Holyoke and a band are already booked for that Sunday.

The refreshments for the March meeting – Wanda Pluciennik and Beata Szpak

Closing prayer was offered by Lucyna Lewinski.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Closing prayer for next meeting: Lucyna Lewinski

Next meeting is Monday, March 4, 2019 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Wanda Pluciennik