

**Pastoral Council Retreat  
Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2016**

Members excused

Pat Schmitz

**We assemble in God's name**

Opening Prayer

Prayers of Intercession for the needs of the parish and individuals

**Pastor's Report**

The second session of ChristLife has ended and the third session will begin in Spring, 2017 upon the completion of children's Faith Formation to accommodate the logistics of space. Continuation of adult Faith Formation is important and these sessions proved to be successful. Father Bob's Advent retreat talks will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Father Bob may do mini-Advent talks on Wednesday evenings during Advent. The elevation of the cup of the Blood of Christ as well as other liturgical topics was discussed. It was recommended that Fr. Bob place bulletin bursts to share the correct liturgical rite of the reception of the Blood of Christ, holding hands during the Our Father, genuflecting and other topics of the rite during Mass.

**Finance Council**

The Bridge to the Future campaign is underway with 60 families responding with donations of \$28,522 of which \$25,767 is collected and the remaining \$2,755 pledged. Nineteen families increased their annual giving by \$18,000. We are a third of the way to goal in less than a month of this financial campaign. It was recommended that a thermometer be in the gathering space as well as on Facebook as a visual reminder to pledge.

**Winter Social**

This year's social will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Parkside's Banquet Hall. The new venue was recommended to accommodate the growing attendance. Donations are coming in with great auction items and we will have some pre-raffle items that will encourage non-attending Parishioner's participation. New members are stepping in to assist on the planning committee including newer Parish members. There will be a live band for the after auction party.

**Commission Updates**

The Knights of Columbus raised \$1500 in their lifesaver campaign which netted \$900 given to Care Net. Through their pasta dinner and breakfast children coat drive they raised \$1700. They donated \$1000 in coats, hats and gloves to the needy children at Frank School.

The Human Concerns chair has stepped down. This commission includes: St Vincent DePaul, La Sagrada Familia and the Christmas ministry. Pam Jacobsen and Tom Binder said they may co-chair this commission and have a commission meeting and invite Kyle Layton, Deacon Rich and Rich Sosa.

Faith Formation commission is meeting on November 16th. Evangelization commission has scheduled their meeting for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Worship commission does not have a scheduled meeting but was encouraged to meet soon on a Saturday. Alice would invite the decorating committee. Father suggested that we talk about getting a sacristan to assist with the needs of that ministry.

**Communications** The Memorial cross garden was amazing with some great comments from Parishioners. Louisa Fredriksson received the John Paul II Youth Award during the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's 2016 Vatican II Award celebration at the cathedral on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We received enough donations to cover of costs for the purchase of the books as a Christmas gift to our Parishioners and guests. Book shelves are being installed in the all purpose room to create a Lending Library of religious books, videos and CD's to share with the Parishioners. Fr. Bob will monitor the books placed on the shelves to ensure correct theological reading. Roof repair is completed for the winter months. The St. Anne stain glass has returned to the Church wall. We now have a volunteered IT specialist who is donating all of his time to update the computer servers and Wi-Fi. He has cleaned up the IT room and installed racks to accommodate all of the equipment. The parking lot is in need of new drains as they are sinking. We still have time to accomplish this task. Discussion about the last call auction item for the winter social included lightning protection for the building with an approximate cost between ten to twelve thousand dollars. Discussions will continue for this item as we still have time.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7PM

**Closing Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving**

Respectfully submitted by Alice Stanula