

St. Anne Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Oct. 17, 2017

We Celebrate Our Past

September Council Minutes were approved.

We Present Our Offering

1. Pastor's Report

a. Tranquility Bridge

- i. Free resource available to St. Anne for those struggling with substance abuse. The Tranquility Bridge offers support and guidance, for all ages, concerned about themselves or loved ones with alcohol or drug concerns.
- ii. Apostolate led by Geoff Shaw.
- iii. Question on whether or not support for children under the age of 18 is possible.
- iv. There is a request to insert some communication in the bulletin. Father will send to Pastoral Council.

b. SCRIP

- i. Suggestion to send out survey monkey to parishioners to feel out interest to participate in the SCRIP program.
- ii. Father to send out to Finance & Pastoral Councils and then to Parish.

c. Parking Lot

- i. Fund raising for first stage of repairs currently stands at ~ \$21,000.
- ii. Ice Cream orders from the Weighner Farm raised ~ \$3500

d. Window caulking

- i. Contractor has been found. There should be a cost reduction from original estimate based on new estimate.

e. Archbishop Listecki has made an appeal to St. Anne to purchase subscriptions to the Catholic Herald. Discussion ensued. Definitive decision has not been made.

2. Finance Council

- a. From the start of the fiscal year (July) through the end of September, there has been a net gain of 40 registered families joining the Parish. The overall total of registered families is 1064.
- b. Catholic Stewardship Appeal
 - i. Parish goal established by the Archdiocese is \$25,000. To date, we have given \$24,100.
 - ii. ~ 12% of St. Anne Parish households donated.
- c. Parish Assessment
 - i. St. Anne hosted a meeting led by dignitaries from the Archdiocese office regarding discussion on the five year Archdiocesan plan for increasing the assessments levied to all Parishes within the Archdiocese. Representatives from the Kenosha Parishes were present, including Fr. Bob and Phil Kent. The following is a brief summary of what was discussed:
 1. The majority of the revenues needed to operate the Archdiocese is generated from assessments levied to the Parishes within the Archdiocese and from the Stewardship Appeal.
 2. The current assessment rate is 4% of Parish revenues and is one of the lowest rates in the nation.
 3. St. Anne budgeted assessment payments are \$13,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.
 4. It was proposed that the assessment rate be raised from 4% to 6% over the next five years.
 5. There will be follow-up consultations in November and January and then a final decision will be made as to the final increases in the assessment rate.

3. Mission/Vision Updates

- a. Fr. Bob and Chris Geyer to work with Peter Jonas (Cardinal Stritch University) to discuss how to implement the new mission statement and vision using an **internal** (St. Anne parishioners only) social media platform. Peter will be asked to help develop a baseline parishioner survey.
- b. The social media platform was gifted to St. Anne and is based on the Four Cardinal Virtues of the Catholic Church (prudence, temperance, fortitude, justice). This platform is seen as a non-threatening,

interactive teaching tool to build community and teach ethics within the Parish. Posts will be required to be tied to one of the Four Cardinal Virtues.

- c. Preliminary thoughts on how to begin implementation are as follows:
 - i. Fr. Bob to start to work on approximate timeline of implementation.
 - ii. Creation of core team of ~ 12 people to work on implementation.
 - iii. Platform will be rolled out to initial invitation pool of ~ 150 parishioners.
4. Communication: What are you seeing and hearing in the parish?
 - a. There has been favorable comments in response to servers at the Sunday 9:15 am Mass which include adult male servers dressed in albs.
 - b. Visitor commented on how the cement floor in the church gave him a feeling of humbleness during Mass.
5. Other
 - a. Worship Ministry Update - Members are working on soliciting 8 - 10 additional people to join the ministry and be trained on taking care of the worship space (cleaning, decorating, etc.).
 - b. "Formed" - This is a faith formation platform that was gifted to the Parish. Initial plan is to introduce platform to the Parish by the 1st week of Advent.
 - c. Behold is being held on Sunday, Nov. 19. Sister Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life in New York City will be the guest speaker.
6. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events: Every Tuesday @ 7pm: Eucharistic Holy Hour

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Nov. 21 @ 7pm