



**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 6, 2017**

PPC Members Present: Matt Sinning, Karen Brackman, Judy Kleman Leshner, Rick Monnier, Jim Kueterman, Mike Stucke, Treva Monnier, Lois Cox, Teri Iverson, Deacon Chuck Wright, Mary Chafin and Fr. Marc Sherlock.

Hospitality: Hospitality for the evening was provided by Jim Kueterman.

Adult Faith Formation: Rick Monnier presented the adult faith formation.

Matt Sinning welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending, and the meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm.

PPC Minutes: Jim Kueterman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting; seconded by Mike Stucke. Motion carried.

Ministry Reports: None

Liaison Reports:

Evangelization and Catechesis Commission: Lois Cox reported that 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Kettering Women's Center is scheduled on 4/8 from 10 - 2.

The commission is looking for new board members.

Lois is taking over as Liaison for Beth Linsenmeyer.

Parish Finance Council: Treva Monnier reported that next month is budget review. Costs are increasing, especially healthcare which is up approximately 3%, collections are down approximately 3% per year over the past 3 years. Father may need to reach out to the parish community regarding stewardship. There is not a dire need, because of reallocation within the budget, but there will be a shortfall if there is no increase in collections. Although the savings account can cover any shortfall, it is a concern when the operations and maintenance budget exceeds available income.

Father plans to send a letter out to all parishioners outlining the shortfall and asking them to prayerfully consider a 7% increase in their giving, and those that do not give to start giving. The letter will also include a pledge card for parishioners to indicate their commitment. We would also use this as an opportunity to complete a census update. There has not been one completed since Father has been at St. John's.

Matt asked since there is a 3% shortfall, how much attendance has gone down in that same period? Father reported that over the past 3 years attendance is down approximately 25%.

Worship Commission Report: No report.

Youth Representative Report: No report.

D.E.C. Report: Chuck Wright reported that early registration for PSR will begin the week after Easter. Returning Catechists are covering all openings from pre-K through 6th.

Youth Ministry Report: Teri Iverson reported that the Confirmation Retreat went very well.

St. Phocus garden, Adam Grieshop is the youth leader. Greg Bruening and Nick Lesher are helping him. Over the next few weeks they would like to speak at the PSR classes and at mass to try to get people to sign up to help. Last year they tried having people come on Tuesdays if they were available, which did not work. Nick Lesher ended up doing the majority of the work. The goal is to find a different family for each week to take care of the garden.

We have catechists for all the grades, still waiting to hear from the junior and senior faith sharing groups and confirmation catechists. Teri will be gone for 2 months on various mission trips and personal time. Her goal is to have all positions filled by mid-May.

Confirmation this year included 21 young men and women.

Terri provided the councilmembers copies of the handouts that were given to the students for the upcoming youth activities.

Teri attended the Dayton Area Youth Ministers meeting where she had the opportunity to meet the new Archdiocesan Director of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization. One of the goals is to find a way to work with coaches to build a relationship, to better understand the needs of the youth ministry, when there are conflicts with sporting events. Matt feels that the Tipp City coaches would be open to dialogue about scheduling conflicts.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Marc reported that Jim Wolfe lost his battle with cancer on April 4th. Funeral details will be on a sheet included in the bulletin. Fr. stated that Jim was an integral part of the parish and unfortunately was unable to enjoy being retired due to his diagnosis of cancer shortly after his retirement.

Holy week – There will be extra confessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fr. encourages parishioners to attend all three days of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil). We have one person being fully initiated into the Church, receiving Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. We also have one person making the profession of faith and receiving First Communion. We have a third catholic that will be confirmed.

Matt reminded everyone that there is a pancake breakfast on Sunday hosted by the youth of the parish.

Round Robin: The round robin discussion centered on the survey, its format and contents. Numerous changes were discussed and agreed upon. Matt will incorporate the changes and provide the final version to the council members.

The survey needs an opening statement and a purpose statement. The key points of the opening statement were agreed upon. Multiple edits, rewording and prioritization of questions and answer choices were collaboratively implemented.

Upon final draft approval, the survey will be sent out via email blast, by mail and possibly included in the bulletin. It was also suggested to evaluate a mass mailing in conjunction with the parish newsletter in order to control costs.

