**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Jeff Fremin- 502-525-6882 (06/19) Kathy Bieger- 502-525-1780 (06/19) Jeanne Shepard- 502-662-2661 (06/19)

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Minutes

November 3, 2016

Members present: Deacon Mike, Terri Mounce, Don Wright, Diane Webster, Fr. Jacob Straub, Jeanne Shepard, Kathy Bieger, Jeff Fremin, Robin Fremin, Jim O'Neill

**Call to Order**: Terri Mounce, 6:36 pm

**Opening Prayer**:  Fr. Jacob

**Approval of October Minutes:**  Amended to fix grammatical errors. Don/Motion to approve. Deacon Mike/Second. Approved as amended.

**Old Business**:

Painting and plastering will start on November 7th. During the remodeling, Mass will be held in The parish hall. Weekend Masses will be in the church. It is expected to take about 3 weeks.

Heating system has not been used yet.  No problems are anticipated.

The Mass schedule for the Holiday services was presented.  Times were changed on Christmas Masses to reflect the current Saturday Mass times at each church. Attendance for All Saints Day Mass was very low.  It was suggested that inconsistencies with Mass scheduling in previous years and the fact that some Holy Days have been moved to Sunday led to some confusion.  There are five (non-Sunday) Holy Days each year.

Fr. Jacob is planning a penance service  for December 13th. This will work as long as priests are available to attend.

Jeanne shared the mission statement and responsibilities for the worship committee.

Laminated Mass cards are now in the pews and appear to be holding up well.

The date for a Town Hall meeting has not been set. Fr .Jacob would like to know what exactly we want accomplish with the meeting.  The by-laws only state that one must be held; there are no specifics on content or objectives.  Discussion included:

 • Experiences with previous town hall style meeting in our parish and school / business settings (small group breakouts and whole group discussion)

 • Possibility of sign-up sheets for volunteer ministries

 • Effectiveness of surveys prior to the meeting or as a substitute.

        Meetings physically bring people together for face to face discussion and can lead to a sense of purpose and accomplishment

        Likelihood of more honest  responses through an anonymous survey

        Any survey would still have to be followed up with a meeting

 • What is the best way to get a survey out to the parish (in pews, on website or Facebook)?  How would we include people who are currently not attending Mass regularly?

 • Who will collect the data and compile results?

 • Can we ensure that we actually act upon the information we receive? These actions must be intentional and focused — we cannot change everything at once.

 • How can we make certain that our actions don't just cater to the people who are already active in the parish, but also reach out to people who feel excluded or even are no longer participating in parish life?

 • How can we ensure that this endeavor is viewed from a positive and not a negative space?

 • Barriers to participation in events - Saturday evening church goers and Transfiguration miss out on Sunday events (such as Donut Sunday).  Many people are very busy through the week and schedules conflict with parish events.  Many people simply are not interested in evangelization.

Action Plan - A survey will be sent out through the bulletin and the parish newsletter. Jeff, Terri, Deacon Mike and Jim will work on compiling survey questions to send out.  Survey should be very brief.  Jeff volunteered to help collect the data.  Suggested dates for the parish meeting will be January 17th for St. John and January 19th for Transfiguration.  Separate dates are being held due to winter travel conditions for Perry Park and also because they have unique issues that affect them.  Future meetings could possibly be held together.  The January date will allow every one to get through the holidays and provide time to review the survey results and prepare an agenda / platform.

A suggestion was made that perhaps parish council members could stay after mass on specified days and listen to the concerns of parishioners.  This may be a way to continuously get input from the parish.

**New Business:**

The diocese conducts a parish audit with each new priest assignment.  The recent transition audit found three issues.

 • Parish finance committee had not met in two years. Fr Jacob conducted a meeting in July and another is scheduled for November - resolved.

 ▪ No evidence of a budget.  Finance committee drew up a budget in July - resolved.

 ▪ Software issue - resolved

$760 was raised at the CCD bake sale. People were very generous in their donations. The kids were excited and enjoyed themselves with it.They will be starting to put together a coat drive in December

Jeff shared that he is interested in being a part of a prayer group. Saturday mornings at 7am he would like to meet at the church if anyone else is interested.

RCIA has had one person has shown interest.  Meetings date and times  have not been set. They plan to start sometime this month.

**Pastor's comments**

There is a heart here. If we didn't argue about it, we wouldn't care about it. We care called to change and we have to be open to change.

Don made the motion to adjourn at 8:03. Jeanne seconded.

Closing Prayer- Fr. Jacob.

Next meeting scheduled for December 6 at 6:30