**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Fr. Jacob Straub (Administrator) 859-445-2436 Deacon Mike Keller- 859-485-1488 Terri Mounce – 502-663-1997 (07/17)

Diane Webster – 859-802-4790 (07/17) Robin Fremin – 502-732-8677 (07/17) Tim Hendrick – 502-396-0744 (07/17)

Don Wright- 502-514-1033 (06/18) Jim O’Neill- 859-948-9770 (06/17) Tom Buchanan- 502-682-6523 (06/18)

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

Steve Glauber- 502-732-9047 (Alternate)

Minutes

December 6, 2016

**Call to Order:** Jeff Fremin 6:42pm

**Members Present:**

Don Wright, Diane Webster, Kathy Bieger, Jeff Fremin, Fr. Jacob, Jim O’Neill, Jeanne Shephard

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Fremin

**Review/Approval of Minutes:**

Amended to fix grammatical errors. Jim motioned to approve. Don seconded it. Minutes are approved as amended.

**Old Business:**

Painting will be done next week and the chimney repair will start next week. We will be putting a new liner into the chimney. There is no liner in the chimney currently. It will cost $21,000 for a 65 foot liner to be put in and it will take 3 days to install- Monday through Wednesday. This will not change the efficiency, but is required for continued operation of the system. The pilot lights go out daily. Don shared that he contacted the diocese and they helped him find a company to come see what the problem was and this company was the only one that would assess the issue, let alone fix it. Jeff shared that he noticed that he noticed all the columns have the blue stripe except two, Don shared that they are still working on those. Jeff shared that someone approached him about

Immaculate Conception mass will be in the church at St. John, not the parish hall basement.

Advent penance service will be next Tuesday December 13th at 7pm. There will be at least 4 priests. It will be in the parish hall to allow for heat.

So far, 8 surveys from Anglos and 9 Hispanic surveys have been turned in. Jeff suggested that we provide extra copies since each family only gets one bulletin and then individual family members could fill out their own. Fr. Jacob shared that we have sent them out in the bulletin and in the quarterly newsletter. Maybe we can provide more around Christmas time. Don shared that he doesn’t think that they should be put in the pew so that people won’t fill them out during mass. Don shared that 30-40% of the people that attend mass do not arrive until after the mass has started. Jeff shared that he believes that if the goal is to get more opinions, we will get more opinions if the surveys are left in the pews as a reminder. Diane asked if we have provided the survey online through the website or Facebook. Jim shared that if we want more people to respond, we might want to have people hand out surveys in church after mass. Jeff will hand out surveys after mass 9:30 Sunday, Jim said he will get someone to hand out Surveys after mass on Saturday. If we are still trying to get more survey results, can we postpone the town hall meeting until February or March. Jim said that we wouldn’t be able to truly prepare for this meeting until March. Fr. Jacob suggests that we don’t worry about dates for the meeting until we get our data. Jeff shared that this survey is only one part of the data we are looking at. Fr. Jacob shared that he would like to not have the town hall meeting during advent or lent. We don’t want to miss people at Transfiguration. It was suggested to hold St. John’s meeting in February and hold Transfiguration’s after people return. How long do we think this meeting will be and what kind of response do we expect to get? We will look into the availability of a facilitator for the first two weeks of February. Once we get the dates, we will decide at the January parish council meeting when to hold it.

Jim shared that we did the Worship committee’s mission statement and goals, but we haven’t picked another committee to get a mission statement or goals from. We will look at this in the January meeting. In January we might want to set a schedule of when committees are to report.

**Committee Reports:**

**New Business:**

Terri is not here to discuss the coat drive. Jeff shared what he knows about it. He shared that the school has an area in the school where they keep extra coats for students to come and get as needed.

**Pastor’s Comments:**

We are getting to the end of the year and getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As we pray, the primary work is for the parish. We are making slow but steady progress towards the good of the parish. We will have a lot of visitors for Christmas masses. Jesus came for all of us, not just a select group. Let us make this our focus as we prepare for Christmas- how can I be Jesus and how can I share him with others.

Do we want to move next meeting to the second Tuesday in January instead of the first? The 3rd will be close to the holidays. Next meeting will be January 10th at 6:30pm.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Jacob

**Adjournment:** Jeanne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kathy seconded it. Meeting is adjourned at 7:25pm.

*Next meeting will be Tuesday January 10, 2017 at 6:30pm.*