**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Council Members**

Minutes

Date

11-9-2017

Fr. Johnson 859-391-2098 Deacon Mike Keller- 859-485-1488 Jeff Fremin- 502-525-6882 (6/19)

Don Wright-502-514-1033 (6/18) Kathy Bieger-502-525-1780 (6/19) Jim O’Neill-859-948-9770 (6/19)

Jeane Shepherd 502-662-2661 (6/19) Alan Harsin -502-649-3707 (6/20) Brian Frye-502-419-1768 (6/20)

Eloy Fuentes 859-652-4382 (6/20) Tom Buchanan-502-682-6523-(6/18)

**Call to Order:** Jeff

**Members Present:** Deacon Mike, Alan Harsin, Don Wright, Jim O’Neill, Jeff Fremin, Kathy Bieger, Eloy Fuentes

**Opening Prayer:** Father Johnson

**Review/Approval of Minutes:** Don motioned to approve. Alan seconded.

**Old Business:**

Building and Grounds

Beautification Report

* Eloy and family painted the handrails in the back of the Parish Hall. Eloy also found someone to cut down the tree.
  + Kim Strohmeier, Joni Glauber, Teddy Strohmeier, Tim and Jeff Fremin spread mulch in the prayer garden. Joni and Kim cleaned out the pond.
  + Cemetery visitation-The ceremony was a little confusing. Deacon Mike said that a program will be put together with the procedure for the program.
  + Prayer garden maintenance will be determined in January
  + Cemetery maintenance is lacking. A parishioner had mentioned that a loved one’s head stone had sunk. The diocese has told us we are not allowed to maintain or repair head stones. The headstones are the property the families. Alan said that some of those buried no longer have families in the parish. Jeff said that the plots belong to the parish. Many cemeteries have rules of what can be put on the head stone. Don said that we should establish a policy before we tell what can be displayed. Previously, on Stewardship Saturdays we would do upkeep. Jeff would like a systematic way of addressing upkeep and repairs. This will be discussed in the future.
* Liturgy-
  + A meeting will be November 14 at 7:00. The committee will write a schedule of worship for six months. Father is asking for a representatives from each committee to have input. Deacon Mike volunteered to be on the committee. Members will be Father, Jeff Fremin, Bob and Pam Froman , Jeanie Shepherd, Eloy Fuentes, Janet and Steve Glauber, Rosada Harr, Terri Mounce, Elivira Pacheco, Don Wright, and Deacon Mike.
  + Sound system-There was $785 total donated for the system. The amount will offset some of the cost for the speakers. Father suggested that if someone complains about hearing the homily they can sit in the front. Father said the message of the homily is also in the bulletin.
* Hospitality and Outreach-
  + Alan has three other people in mind for the position or Welcome committee. He plans to have the person in place by January.
  + Parish picnic was well attended. There was an appropriate amount of help. The cleanup went well and completed by 4:00. The food was delicious and plentiful. There were approximately 200 people. Don suggested that the picnic be moved to earlier in October to avoid cold weather. Eloy agreed we should move it up so we can have dancing outside. Jeff said that some people commented on the date but it was chosen so the children could wear their costumes to trick or treat.
* Finance
  + Monday, November 13 will be the first meeting. Don will report out at the next meeting.

Calendar Update- November Masses on Fridays will be at 12:00PM Mass times. Week date Mass times are posted in the bulletin and on the website.

**New Business:**

* Advent activities will be discussed at the Liturgy Committee
* Father mentioned that he would like a two day retreat for Advent. Father will arrange to have a Penance Service. It can be arranged for Monday- Tuesday or Tuesday-Wednesday. Possible dates December 4 and 5. Deacon Mike said it would be hard to get someone in this late for a retreat. Historically, we had a partnership with St. Peter Lutheran Church. Father will pursue finding a speaker and the times can be 7:00-8:30 PM.
* A book has been bought for Advent reflections, both in English and Spanish. It will soon be distributed to parishioners.
* Father will be hearing confessions for the CCD classes starting November 19. He will be seeing two classes a week until finished.
* Don suggesting that we put a calendar insert in the bulletin that can be torn out and posted at home. Father asked if we put out a yearly calendar. Don said we would not be able to put individual events on the yearly calendar as the calendar is currently at the printer.

**Pastor’s Comments:**

* The Church is having a Year of Pray for Priestly Vocations. The parishes have been approached to think about how we will promote vocations.
* We are invited to participate in the Christmas Carole. The Main Street organization has invited the parish to participate for the December 2 program. He would like to have the children who were dressed as Saints to participate and sing. Jeff shared that it will be difficult to arrange something. Misty Buchanan can be asked to see if CCD can be involved. The parish has volunteered as readers before. The idea was tabled for this year.
* Alan said we need to be sure we are advertising that we have parish calendar. A next step would be to developing a planning calendar well in advance. Father agreed that we would benefit from planning well in advance.
* St. Pius Church is organizing a developing an outreach to encourage including the Church in estate planning. Father thinks this would be a good thing to start. A plaque could be placed in the Church. It also could be used for Masses for loved ones. We can set up a special account. Don said we currently have had 7-8 individuals who have willed money to the church. We have several families that have intentions multiple times a year. Father said he can find out more about this and bring it to the Parish Council. Don said we could talk with Jim Crawford or Ruth Baxter to have a meeting about how it can be done. Ruth Baxter may be willing to donate time to help do this.
* Father thanked all who helped with the Parish picnic.
* Father thanked Eloy’s family for the work they have done.
* Eloy asked if he could paint the hand railing in front of the Church. Also, the crucifix in the cemetery needs to be painted. This can be done in the spring.
* The Our Lady of Guadalupe, the rosary sites are set in Madison, Gallatin, and here. The community will be praying for forty days. Jeff is having the rosary November 17 at 7:00 and invited everyone to attend. The community is trying to find a mariachi band. Cristo Rey has invited the community to dance. There is also a parish in Maysville that has invited our group to dance.
* Eloy has a group of approximately 15 people to help paint throughout the church property. Don said the outside of the rectory needs to be done but that will wait until spring.
* Kim Strohmeier shared the history of the rosary garden. Father said it is time for the parish to take over the maintenance of the prayer garden. Father would like to have the parish to have some oversite in taking care of the expense of upkeep. Kim and Joni Glauber have done most of the maintenance. Joni will be moving sometime in the spring and will be unable to help.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Johnson

**Adjournment:** Don motioned to adjourn and Eloy seconded

**Next meeting: January 9, 2017 after 6:00 PM Mass**