**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Council Members**

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

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

Minutes

February 13, 2019

Present: Father Johnson, Jeff Fremin, Jeanie Shepherd, Brian Frye, Eloy Fuentes, Don Wright, Jim O’Neill, Alan Harsin, Kathy Bieger

**Call to Order:**  Jeff

Opening Prayer-Fr. Johnson

Review / Approval of Minutes-Kathy Don approved minutes, Jeanie seconded

**Old Business/Follow Up:**

* Has My Parish App been updated?—Don hasn’t had a chance to check into it. The App is giving erroneous information.
* Did anyone attend the church security meeting? Don was unable to attend and the next meeting Thursday, February 22. Alan will try to attend.
* What is the date of the Fish Fry? It will be the Friday before Good Friday, March 23.
* When will the sign up for lectors and ministers for Holy Week be posted? It was posted last week on the right hand side of the entrance to church. The Women’s meeting Tuesday,February 20.
* Do we have a bulletin message for prayer requests (Remind.com) This will be shared at the Women’s meeting.
* Did the finance meeting? What relevant information can be shared? Don handed out a copy of the budget. July 1 to December 31, 2017. St. John’s income is $120,368 and expenses are 120,312. The report was compiled by Don and shared at the last Finance meeting. We are being audited by the Diocese. This is standard procedure. The last audit was when Father Jacob started. It is practice that every time a pastor leaves there is an audit. Typically, the audits are done every 5 years. Previously, we had to hire an independent auditor. The diocese has hired an auditor so there is no charge to the parish. This allows audits to be performed more frequently.

**New Business/Discussion:**

* Calendar for Lent
  + Lenten collection will be for sponsoring one or two seminarians from Madagascar.
  + Fr. Johnson will give his mission talk on February 19, at 7:00 pm.
  + Fr. Roger Cooney will assist Fr. Johnson with confession for CCD students on March 11. Father Cooney will celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM. Father Johnson will conduct Mass at Transfiguration that day at 8:30AM and will return for Reconciliation.
  + The speaker for Reconciliation Service will be Msgr. Cleves on Monday, March 12.
* Building and Grounds
  + Grass cutting contract-Jeff is no longer going to cut grass. We need to put out bids. Tim Stone and Jeremy Chowning are available. Father is concerned about how to cut and maintain the cemetery. Eloy will see if he can find out if anyone is interested. Jeff has written up specifications for the job. He will email the document to Don and Eloy. Grass is cut weekly alternating between outside of fence one week and inside fence the next week. Father suggested we buy our own mower. Jeff is still willing to trim but would like someone else to cut.
  + Schedule for prayer garden maintenance-We need to be sure the bushes are well trimmed for security reasons as well as appearance. Father suggested getting the scouts started doing this the maintenance.
  + Father said we can put up a statue of the Sacred Heart. He would like to have the area set up as a sacred place. Someone may be willing to sponsor another statue in honor of their family. Jeff said we would need to have a process to decide what statue. Alan said we need to have a small group. Alan asked if we have had a problem with vandalism. We have had people steal the rosary. There was a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe but it was broken. The Sacred Heart would be a good addition to the statue of Mary. Jim said that he has built a foundation of five feet for a statue. It would be very difficult to tip. Jim said he would be willing to help set a foundation. Alan agreed that another statue would give it more definition as a sacred area. Jeff said that we should establish a committee. We should include Kim or Teddy Strohmeier involved. The next action step would be a small committee. We can see who would be interested in chairing the committee.
* Directory and Census-Father would like to have a directory booklet. We want to know who the active members and their present address and contact information. With setting up for the picture schedule we can find out who are still active members. Tim Hendricks volunteered that he and Kristen Beck could take the pictures. Don said that the directory is free. Alan said that there will be a lot of work to do the census. By doing the directory, we can count all those people. But Don said that the people that will show up are already the one’s who attend Church. Don know those who are getting contribution envelopes are active members. We need to look at the list of people who are no longer getting envelops. People are supposed to notify if they are no longer part of the parish. Every one of the people at Transfiguration are members of other churches. Jeff said databases can be establish to count active and inactive members. At about 2006, there was a census done to determine if there was a need for a Catholic school. It was determined that there wasn’t a need for a school. The purpose of the census is determine all members of a family. It will allow us determine types of programs we should offer. Father said when he offered to bless houses but there were very few families who took him up on the offer. We need to determine how many people we need to call. The action step is to get a list of who is no longer getting their envelopes. After determining who is no longer members we may need to determine how to reach out to them. Don will see if we can get it into a spreadsheet. Father would like to know birthdays so he call and wish parishioners Happy Birthday.
* Estate Planning/Parish Endowment-Father can get documents from other churches as models. The discussion on this will be tabled until next meeting.
* Bereavement
  + Refreshments after funerals-Janet needs more help. Previously, the Church did a program for the family but it is not happening now. Brochure for friends and family not familiar with Catholic liturgy.
  + The action step is Kathy will speak with Janet about what we can do to help. We will also address this at the Women’s group.
  + Brian brought up idea of giving graduating senior servers a $500 scholarship money. This year we have three servers who would qualify this year. We need to determine how to raise the funds. Don said we should give the senior students who serve the money whether they go to college or not. Jeff suggested we budget for three to four students a year and roll the money over for years when we have higher numbers. Don suggested we have a special collection one weekend. We can set up a special account. Don will determine a weekend that we are not doing a second collection. Father said we should bring the servers in to help around the grounds and it can help with vocations.
  + Jeff shared that some churches demonstrate the need for volunteers by having the priest do everything for the service. It shows how we need the laity to help with worship.
  + Sundays Father is looking for Sacrasants. We also need volunteers in the office. Eloy said that the Hispanic Ministry is recruiting more servers for the 9:00 Mass.
  + Confirmation is Monday, April 30. When the Bishop comes we can have an appreciation award for some of the elder members who have supported the Church. Jeff shared that we have had an annual Volunteer Dinner.
  + Shirley Allen brought an idea to set up an elevator to the choir loft. It would be $15,000-$20,000. Father will look into this further.

**Next Meeting:**  **March 6, 2018, after 6:00 pm mass**

**Closing prayer**-Fr. Johnson

**Adjournment-**Jeff motioned to adjourn, Don seconded.

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