**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord Mission**

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Council Members**

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)

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

Minutes

March 6, 2019

Present: Father Johnson, Jeff Fremin, Jeanne Shepherd, Eloy Fuentes, Don Wright, Jim O’Neill, Alan Harsin, Deacon Mike Keller, Kathy Bieger

**Call to Order:**  Jeff

Opening Prayer-Fr. Johnson

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Review / Approval of Minutes-Deacon Mike approved and Don seconded.

**Old Business/Follow Up:**

* My Parish App update—Don applied for administrator rights. It will take about 3 ½ weeks to take effect. The app at least changed the priest’s name. Don will change Mass times when he becomes administrator.
* Alan attended the church security meeting and will report on it in April. They talked about prevention, mitigation, and plans on how to handle risk. He said we will need at least a half an hour for the presentation and decision-making about next steps. The parish will have to decide what commitment we want to make. Once written as a policy our insurance company will require us to follow the plan. If we do not follow our plan, it will be a problem. Some churches only work on prevention. Mike Willhoite, Carrollton Police Chief, explained that a church he was a member of had three parishioners armed. There are a set of steps that we would need to go through to set up a plan. Alan will send Don the document. Deacon Mike said we will need to get the Diocese’s approval for any plan we assume. He said that we have some responsibility but the Diocese will need to decide and approve. He will call someone from the Diocese to see how to proceed. Deacon Mike said that we should listen to Alan’s information and start to develop a plan. Alan said that a shooter is typically looking for a particular person at a service. Alan said that we should spend 95% on prevention. Father Johnson said some churches place more priority on security because they have a school. Father Johnson said he has been worried about the children with carrying the candles and having a fire. Alan said that with CCD we need to consider custody situations. Deacon Mike will check with what the Diocese has as a plan. Alan will condense the two and half hour presentation to a half hour. At this time, it will just be presented to the parish council. It can be shared with the parish at a later date.
* Remind.com app is not running yet for sending prayer requests to a list of prayer warriors.
* Women’s Meeting Report—Kathy shared that the CCD class would do a bake sale and the church a special collection to collect money for the servers’ scholarship. The collection will be April 29.

**Calendar Reminders in March**

* Father Johnson gave a very good mission presentation on Madagascar in February.
* Fr. Roger Cooney will assist Fr. Johnson with confession for CCD students on March 11. The students that are being confirmed will not be able to attend at that time. The students will have to go on their own with their parents.
* The Confirmation Retreat will be at Carolyn Glauber’s house. There are 36 students being confirmed.
* The speaker for Reconciliation Service will be Msgr. Cleves on Monday, March 12.
* Fish Fry is March 23rd.
* The Lenten collection Holy Thursday, March 29 is for seminarians in Madagascar. The rice bowls should be turned in on Holy Thursday.
* Way of the Cross is on Good Friday (March 30) and Easter (March 31 and April 1)

**New Business/Discussion:**

* Grass Cutting Bids-Tim Stone will be giving a bid. He has done bigger sites before. Eloy is contacting people as well. Jeremy Chowning can be approached. We will probably need it cut before Easter.
* Statue for Prayer Garden-Father said we can see if anyone is willing to sponsor a statue. A small Our Lady of Guadalupe statue was broken. It is unclear how it happened. For this reason we will needs something sturdy.
* Father said we need to put mulch out. He said that we can ask the servers to put it out. We can ask for volunteers in the bulletin. Alan can get a trailer to bring the mulch. The area was mulched in October but Father said it is looking bad. Jeff will call about ordering mulch.
* Directory and Census-There are three companies that can do the service. Father has told the companies to call back during the summer. The first priority is to make a list of parishioners for the census. Don shared a sample of a sheet of parishioners. There is 14 on a pages and 15 pages long. That is over two hundred families. Some of the people are not contributing by envelops. The majority of parishioners are Hispanic. We will need to have Spanish speaking census takers. It is questionable that we have correct phone numbers.

Jeanne suggested we tackle this after Easter. Father said that more Hispanic parishioners are coming to Mass to so they can get their documents. We need to divide Hispanic names from Anglo names.

* Estate Planning/Parish Endowment was tabled until after Easter
* Bereavement
  + Refreshments after funerals-Will be table until after Easter.
  + Father suggested brochures be provided for friends and family not familiar with Catholic liturgy.
* Graduating Servers Gifts/Scholarships-See notes above.
* Sacristan-Will wait until can check with Janet Glauber
* Diocesan business
  + DPAA and Diocesean business
  + -Jim said we are in the ninth year of the Synod.
  + The St. Ann’s retreat, Dave Profitt spoke about progress at the Retreat Center. At first there was a poor attendance but now there is a waiting list for retreats. There hasn’t been a men’s retreat yet. They are doing email blasts. They are trying to do more women’s retreats first.
  + The Diocese is doing education on transgender.
  + The Liturgy of the Hours and Vespers are being done with at different churches around the Diocese. Deacon Mike would like to do a Benediction. It would take approximately a half hour. He would like to get a group interested in doing both. The Church would like people to do morning, afternoon and evening. It is part of daily prayer. It is about setting a particular time of prayer. Jeff asked if we could do a Doughnut Sunday and Deacon Mike can talk about morning and evening prayer. Deacon Mike suggested using Catholic app for daily prayer. He also goes through the daily reading on his phone. Jeanne shared that she uses New Missal. On the Facebook Page has the references to the daily readings. Mike said it would be great to do Vespers split chanting from either side of the church. It is based on the Jewish tradition of prayer 5 times a day. Father said ringing the bell is dictated by the times for prayer. Deacon Mike would like to do a presentation during the summer.
  + Jim shared that the diocese is doing hospice care. Hospice will have people that pray with you. The workers see this as their mission.
  + The tribunal have seen that people have misinterpreted the fast track of annulments. Father shared that the priests are doing annulments as quickly as possible. It brings people back to the church. Deacon Mike said the he can help with paperwork. People think there is a cost but it is free. In the past it has taken 2-3 years. The ex-spouse has to be contacted. Those reviewing annulments are overwhelmed. People have misconceptions about divorce and not being welcome at Mass. The fast track process is only for those working with tribunal.
  + There will be education/information about living wills.
  + Annual appeal, Jim will do the presentation March 18. Jim said his daughter will do the Hispanic Mass.
  + Jim will take back the discussion of church security.

Father notes

* + -Deacon ordination is March 24.
  + -The Chrism Mass is March 27.
  + -Easter Vigil is not to be started before 8:30
  + -We will start Palm Sunday outside weather permitting.
  + July 9-13 will be Vacation Bible School
  + All Saints Church in Walton will have Reconciliation Friday March 9 from 12:00PM to 12:00AM.
  + -The Hispanic Council will have Natural Family Planning. Two families will be sent to learn and they can teach others. We will develop teams.

**Next Meeting:**  **April 3, 2018, after 6:00 pm mass**

**Closing prayer**-Fr. Johnson

**Adjournment-Jeanne motioned**

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