

# St. Mary and St. Ann Pastoral Council

## Notes of January 31, 2018

Members Present: Fr. Dwight Ezop, Frank Spica, Jennifer Fopma, Art Williams, Christine Sloan

Several members are absent due to illness.

Fr. Dwight opened the meeting with a prayer.

Frank asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting. There were none. It was moved by Christine and seconded by Art that the minutes of the November 29, 2017 meeting be accepted. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Pastor's Report:

New Members: All those names submitted have been verified as willing to serve on the council. Fr. Dwight will draw names for 1 one year term, 1 two year term and 2 three year terms at the Masses the weekend of February 10 – 11. One drawing will be held at each of the three Masses.

Witness for Hope Campaign: We have pledges totaling \$583,000 so far, which exceeds our goal of \$502,000. From this amount \$187,000 will go to debt reduction and the balance of the surplus will be put into a capital maintenance fund. Fr. Dwight did not have the number of families that participated.

Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Dwight: So far 86 people have signed up for this. This weekend will be the cutoff date since we have to order books.

Other Events: February 3 & 4 will be blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise. February 11 Fr. Dwight will bless all married couples at Mass. February 14 is Ash Wednesday with Mass at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm at St. Mary and 5:30 pm at St. Ann.

The discounted ticket sales for Mathew Kelly's lecture in Grand Rapids on May 19<sup>th</sup> will be this weekend February 3 & 4. We will adjust the Saturday Mass schedule on that date to accommodate those going to this event.

Our parish mission will be held March 10, 11 and 12.

Fr. Dwight's request for funds to purchase a set of Magi for our nativity set has been met by one family.

Council Chair Report: Frank suggested that a recording secretary for the Council be recruited from those who were not selected but willing to serve on Council. Fr. Dwight said he would do that.

Frank asked if it was the intention of the council to again hold the Harvest Wheelers Raffle and Millionaire Party in 2018 and if so we need a motion to proceed and approve the purchase of the three necessary licenses. Art Williams moved and Christine Sloan seconded that St Mary Church hold a Millionaire Party and Raffle in 2018 and further that the necessary licenses from The Michigan Lottery Commission, The Michigan Gaming Control Board and The Michigan Liquor Control Commission be purchased. The date this year would be October 20, 2018. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Council and Commission Reports:

Finance Council: Christine Sloan, Finance Council Chair reported they have not met since our last meeting but have a meeting scheduled for February 21, 2018.

Building and Grounds: New signs for both parishes are still in the works.

St. Ann: No report.

Faith Formation/ RCIA: Faith formation is doing well and RCIA will be adding 3 inquirers.

St. Mary School: This is Catholic Schools Week with a number of activities planned or already taken place. Special days, such as pajama day, which was today, have already taken place. Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, is the Open House and Spaghetti Dinner with a silent auction fund raiser.

Child Care: Mandy Wildern has taken over as director of this program which is going very well. Currently there are 67 children in the before and after school care.

Marketing Committee: Pig Palooza will be moved to August 10, 11, 12 so as not to compete with Celebrate Charlotte. The Father's Day raffle will remain at its current date.

Worship Commission: They are preparing for Lent and Easter. Good Friday will have a service at noon and a Tenebrae Service in the evening.

Hospitality Commission: Fr. Dwight will put Jennifer in touch with Kathy Medich from St. John Fenton so we can see what they have done.

Council of Catholic Women: No Report

Youth Ministry: Participation seems to be steady.

Knights of Columbus: Just completed Spelling Bee. Last Sunday was the Scholarship Fundraiser Breakfast which brought in \$300.00. The first of our seven Fish Fries will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Chili Challenge and Euchre Party. April 21<sup>st</sup> St Mary will host a fourth Degree Exemplification.

St Vincent DePaul: Through Meijer's Simply Give Program we received a total donation of \$30,550.00 this year. This is used to provide food for the hungry. The number of those requesting assistance for food and lodging is up. Food assistance requests have been averaging 15 to 20 families per week.

There was no old or new business.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be February 28, 2018.