

Pastoral Council Minutes
January 23, 2018 7:00pm

Fred Kolb, Chair- Present	Dave Mueller-Present	Mary Ann Mysliwiec-Present
Jean Moorman, Vice Chair – Absent	Dana Welch-Present	Ken Geier-Present
Stephanie Homison,Recorder-Present	Katie Glaser-Present	Dennis Steinke-Present
Charlie Laubernds-Present	Jim Rielinger- Absent	Debbie Darby- Absent
John McNamee, Alternate-Present	Fr.Bernie-Present	Fr. Wood-Present

New members were introduced to the council: Ken Geier, Dennis Steinke, and John McNamee

Standing Committee Reports:

- Finance (Fr. Bernie/Susan Hamel) – The current budget remains on track with expenses and revenues. Positive generosity during the Christmas season. Catholic Ministries Appeal commitment weekend is coming up and should be arriving in mail soon.
- Property Management (Dennis Steinke) – Linda Poppel and Dave Honkomp did excellent job with maintenance during Frank’s absence. Frank will be able to return to work February 1, 2018. Boiler equipment passed inspection with a good report. Parish has obtained electric snow blower for winter months. Knights of Columbus were acknowledged for set up and breakdown of Nativity scene for the Christmas celebration.
- Knights of Columbus (Jim Rielinger) – Dave Mueller updated the council this week. Blood drive was successful. Men’s basketball still going well. There will be a Youth Free Throw contest 1/27 at St. Francis, Rosary March 1/20 to end abortion, and Fish Fries will start week of Lent for 6 weeks.
- Faith Formation (Dana Welch) – PREP: First Reconciliation took place 1/22/18. Standardized ACRE test will be given to 5th and 8th grade students late this month and early next month; required by Archdiocese of Cincinnati. PREP Mass 2/12/18 at 7:00pm; 4th grade will host Mass. No class 2/18 or 2/19 for President’s Day. Lenten Family Night 3/19/18; students and parents share in Lenten knowledge and fun. RCIA: 2/18/18 11am Mass Rite of Sending; Candidate will be sent to the Archbishop for the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates at the Cathedral that evening. One candidate will receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil. Youth Group: Continues to meet Sundays 6:30-8:30pm
- Outreach/St. Vincent DePaul (Debbie Darby)-No update/report at this time.

- Fellowship committee (Ken Geier) - **Breakfast in Bethlehem** was held Dec 2nd. There was increased attendance over last year and great feedback from parishioners. Improved the menu a bit and it was well received. **Chili Cook off/Euchre** was held Jan 13. There was great attendance considering weather. 10 chili entries and 40 card players. Approximately 60 in attendance. **Marriage/Cana Dinner** to be held 2/17 at Houston Inn. Pete and Lisa Beerse will provide a presentation entitled "Broken Bones and Broken Hearts - How to Heal When You're Broken". We can host approximately 40 couples.

Other remaining events and dates for Fellowship activities:

Matthew 25 Ministries - 3/10/18

Family Movie/Potluck - 4/21/18

Pentecost Brunch - 5/20/18

New Business:

- Looking to the Future Project – Fr. Bernie discussed the Archdiocese guideline requiring a minimum of 70% receipt from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, prior to beginning any major capital campaign/project. To date, the parish has paid approximately 58% of the parish pledge. David Kissel, Director of the Department of Stewardship and Chief Development Officer will be meeting with Fr. Bernie in the upcoming weeks to discuss further.
- Outdoor playground project – Fr. Bernie is working with the Archdiocese contact to understand guidelines for this project. Fr. Bernie met with Joe briefly but still need more information due to snowy conditions on day Joe was here. Discussed possible connection with local schools and their playground equipment that is being taken down.
- Easement Village of South Lebanon: Archdiocese sent appraiser; \$7,000. Fr. Bernie will follow up with attorney for further discussions and answers to questions on remediation of land, and potentially tapping into sewer lines in future.
- Fr. Wood has been asked to further study in theology for the archdiocese. Going to Rome to study for 3-5 years to obtain his doctorate. Will have summers off and hopes to come home to say Mass and assist with summer Masses. New Parochial Vicar assignment will not be announced until later in the year around May.
- Lenten mailing goes out this coming week; has update for One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign to update parishioners.
- Susan Conroy will be speaking at St. Francis 3/20/18. She is a wonderful speaker who spent time with Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta.
- Pastor/Parochial Vicar's comments – 2/9 Latin Mass (Fr. Wood) at St. Francis. Lenten Marriage Talks dates 2/21, 2/28 and 3/14.

Next regular council meeting: **Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 7:00pm due to Holy Week.**