

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

January 4, 2018, Meeting began at 6:30 pm and ended at 7:45pm.

In Attendance:	Absent:
Fr. Ray McHenry	Nikki Snyder
Chris Doud	DeAnn Howard
Fr. Andrew Windschitl	
Garrett Hill	
Joe Koenigs	
Larry Johnson	
Bonnie Dickson	
Dave Dirks	
Rick Schraeger	
Gary Goodhall	
Anne Franzen	

**I. Opening Prayer:** Fr. Ray

**II. Approval of Agenda & Prior Meeting Minutes**

- o Motion to approve Agenda: Garrett Hill; Second: Rick Schraeger. Passed: Unanimous.
- o Motion to approve Minutes: Gary Goodhall; Second: Joe Koenigs. Passed: Unanimous.

**III. Pastoral Update**

- o Annual Diocesan Appeal – current \$30,000 short fall. Final announcement by Fr. Ray at mass in December brought in \$18,000. There was discussion about timing of the Diocesan Appeal next year and the goal is to make the “last ask” the first weekend of Advent and shoot an email blast now that the Dioceses takes online donations. Although the parish is currently \$30,000 short, there is a possibility that more donation(s) may come in soon.
- o Director of Parish Operations position is advertised with currently 15 applications. The applicants will be narrowed down to about 5 for interviews.
- o Fr. Ray will go to South Africa from 1/11/18 – 1/24/18.

**IV. New Business**

- o Christmas – mass attendance was down overall about 200 people from last year.
- o Ideas: suggest moving the children’s choir to a later mass to shift some of the crowd to the later 5pm mass. This will be brought to the attention of the Worship and Spirituality ministry.
- o Discernment: Pulpit talks: mid-February/ Informational meeting: early March/ Discernment: weekend after Easter

**V. Old Business**

- o Volunteer sign-ups is an issue. Bonnie’s research provided information that many people would like to attend but do not want to assist with putting on the event. Bonnie’s research will be provided to Parish Life Council. There was a discussion as to who puts on the event and if next year ministries should be assigned certain tasks just like how the Knights take care of serving beverages and the Boy Scouts take care of serving food.

**VI. Liaison Reports**

- o Buildings and Grounds – Dave Dirks: They are reorganizing the Committee. They will be working on making announcements regarding the St. Michael Committee.
- o Communications: Bonnie Dickson: The director is currently looking at bids to update the website.
- o Board of Education – Chris Doud: See meeting minutes.
- o Faith Formation Council: Rich Schraeger – They are finalizing their bylaws.
- o Finance Council – Gary Goodhall: The annual finance report was very detailed yet easy to read and understand. Gary provided the October 2017 financials.

**VII. Final comments:** Making invitations to mass and events on social media.

**VIII. Closing Prayer** led by Chris Doud.

**IX. UPCOMING DATES: Next Meeting: February 1, 2018 at 6:30pm**