

EPIPHANY CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 24, 2017

Members present: Fr. Randy Hubbard, Kate Grindon, Stan Domzalski, Michael Cuyjet, Diane Goodwin, Carol Harris, Steve Jochim, Maria Munoz, Jim Parr, Jenny Townsend, Beth Vetter, Anna Workman, David Holliger, Lois Rothgerber, Joan Shanahan, Tony Simpson, Brenden Quirk

Members absent: Deacon Lucio Caruso, Jerry Metsker, Julia Zamiska, Elaine Zeller, Linda Theineman

Guests present: Jean Holliger (representing Community Life), Erin Dwyer (representing Staff)

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:03pm. Reading and discussion of Constitution and Commitments of Epiphany's PPC.

Discussion and feedback of retreat. All agreed the retreat experience was worthwhile and beneficial.

July 27, 2017 minutes approved with no changes.

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance Advisory Council (FAC) –

- Month-end report for July is that stewardship is up \$11,600 over what was budgeted. This was partly due to there being 5 Sundays in July.
- The parish was able to make another \$50,000 loan payment, due in part to a bequest from a will of \$35,000.
- There were open staff positions and no capital expenses for July, which made the financial statement \$69,400 to the good for the month.
- The FAC will hold a "State of the Parish" presentation on September 13. This presentation is open to all parishioners. The presentation will look at historical trends, current finances, and projections for the near future.

Social Responsibility–

- The October 1 Dare to Care Walk has added a rowing event.
- On September 11 at 6:30 in the Community Center, there will be an event showcasing the Epiphany Outreach Fellowship Ministry. This event will highlight Epiphany's work with CLOUT, Hildegard House and St. Vincent DePaul.

Worship–

Some of our parishioners have built new platforms with more secure, uniform steps. They are already in place in the Worship Center.

Youth–

- Brenden Quirk introduced himself as our new Youth Representative on Council. He will serve along with Julia Zamiska.
- The first meeting of the new season was Sunday, August 27, with a combined Junior and Senior High. There was a bonfire, games, and marshmallows to roast.
- Junior High Youth Group will be meeting every other week starting in September; Senior High will continue to meet weekly.
- The Youth Advisory Council needs new members. YAC will be taking on a larger role in planning for Junior High Youth Group.
- Epiphany would like to send 10 youth to Indianapolis in November for the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Staff Report –

- Polly Duncan Collum is settling into her new position as Director of Faith Formation.
- The Parish Annual Report is almost completed.
- There will be a social for PPC and staff for Padre Jose after the 5:30 Mass on September 9 at Epiphany House.
- Guidelines for the 10% committee have been revised. The new guidelines will be presented to PPC next month.
- Sharing Grant Application Process – Staff is asking all parishioners to recommend agencies or organizations that might be interested in applying.

Community Feedback –

- It's sometimes hard for parishioners to find PPC members after Mass with so many people. PPC members will try to stand at the Welcome Desk after Mass in order to be more visible.
- A young mother commented on how valuable she finds "Formed," the website provided to Parishioners. PPC may ask for testimonials from parishioners to put in bulletin.
- Question about why we talk, then get quiet, then talk again at the beginning of Mass. We are asked to greet those around us after mass has started, in order to make newcomers feel welcome and to get to know our fellow Parishioners better.
- It can be hard for seniors to find a place to park (we run out of handicapped spots). We want to make sure parishioners don't forget about the ability to drop off people in the circle and also about the extra Handicap spots in the main lot. This is a possibility for the Hospitality ministry to be aware that some people may need additional assistance getting inside.

- Discussion about panhandlers in the parking lot after Mass. Epiphany is working on a response. Anchorage Police will be patrolling more often. Laminated cards with EACM and SVDP information are being made to hand out to panhandlers.

Letters of Appreciation –

- Worship sent thank you notes to all the parishioners who helped build the platforms.
- Anna Workman will send a note of appreciation on behalf of the PPC to Sal Della Bella for leading the retreat.
- Beth Vetter will send a note to Sr. Carol and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for their hospitality at the retreat.

Deacon's Report –

Lucio has been asked to work with CLOUT to rebrand and work more effectively to connect with all parishes in the Archdiocese.

Pastor's Report –

- Fr. Randy thinks Polly is going to be a great asset to the parish. She is passionate about faith formation.
- Padre Jose will be visiting from our sister parish from 9/6 – 9/12. His itinerary is set to give him good exposure to Epiphany parish life. Lots of opportunities for parishioners to interact with him.
- The PPC/Staff retreat will be January 26-27, 2018 at the Lighthouse. It will begin on Friday 1/26 at 6:00p with a brief PPC meeting.
- August 17-19, 2018 is the summer retreat at Nazareth.
- Water project is going well. Contractor doing a good job. Anticipate being done in 5-6 weeks depending on weather.

Meeting ended with a prayer at 9:10p

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Parr
PPC recording secretary