

ST ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
OF NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Meeting was called to order by President Ryan Wunderlich at 7:01 PM with a Hail Mary. Present were Ryan Wunderlich, Mike Cesnik, Ken Betz, Kathy Byrd, Shauna Cooper, Amanda Gilliland, Donna McGrath and Fr. Francis. Not present were John Cobb, Keith Fournier and Theresa Tetrich. The minutes of the October 22 meeting were approved as amended by the Council.

#### OPENING REMARKS

None

#### ADMINISTRATION

Ken Betz reported that the Finance Committee met on October 29. Highlights are that ordinary income was \$2800 below budget due primarily to lower giving to the Debt Reduction Fund. Fund raising income exceeded budget by \$9300 due to a successful festival. Expenses were \$4700 below budget due to lower pre-school staff expenses. The church loan balance is \$1,261,687. To reduce interest costs, it was agreed that \$200,000 should be applied to the loan balance. A maintenance fund will be established starting in Jan. 2020. Changes to the Social Hall rental policy were discussed and recommended. As of 11/10/19 weekly collections, New Ministries, Debt Reduction are \$3,853 below budget. 11/19/19 meeting was held with Archdiocesan representatives. They continue to be encouraged by our progress and are supportive of our efforts. Tom Barnes noted that 20 tons of sand has been added to one softball field. The next step is to add red clay at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The goal is to have the field ready for play next spring. Repair to the drains at Mills and High School continues to be delayed.

There is no update on repair of the damage to the barn or road that occurred during the cell tower repair. The field was graded and sowed by the Bangel family. Equipment replacement from the barn break-in is pending completion of security measures. Meetings to repair or replace the church roof are ongoing. A policy for managing purchases will be developed. Yount and Co. will perform an audit on site November 7, 2019 as required by the Archdiocese every 3 years. Finance Committee met with Archdiocesan representatives on November 19, 2019 to update them on financial status and new ministries progress. Mike McKay is meeting with Jerry Walden to update our computer systems. Mike McKay will create a new Maintenance Fund, similar to the New Ministry and Debt Reduction Funds. Year end results need to be presented to the parishioners as soon as possible. The burnt out sanctuary lights were replaced on 11/11. Quotes to upgrade security for the main building are being reviewed with plans to make a recommendation to Fr. Francis before year end. Regarding the Festival, the new ride company owners are pretty much going to keep everything the way it was, at least for this next year. We have a new contract from them, but we're going to modify a few things before signing. Ride tickets will be a little cheaper, but it will also

take more tickets per ride.

## STEWARDSHIP

Amanda Gilliland said that Stewardship met the previous Tuesday. The ministry list will be posted on the parish website. The Parish Annual Appeal will take place on the weekend of February 29 and March 1. Parishioners will give witness talks on that weekend. Stewardship has been presented their by laws, which the commission members will look over at their next meeting.

## FAMILY LIFE

Kathy Byrd reported that Young @ Heart met on 10/24/19. 22 attended. They also met on 11/21/19 at the Hong Kong Inn. 18 attended. In Ladies Guild Kay Gootee has taken Rose Slocum's place as vice president. Kathy Amor has taken Rose Slocum's place as chairwoman for Young @ Heart. The bake sale made a net of \$328. Pro Life Committee reports that the program on dealing with grief and major illness in October was good. Giving Tree reports that all 100 tags have been taken. St. Vincent de Paul has posted a board in the narthex with orange tags requesting various food items for the Christmas food baskets which will be distributed on Saturday 12/21/19 with the Giving Tree items. Rhonda Gerding will be using the leftover scrapbooking profit to go towards the cost of the hams for the for the food baskets. Men's Club had no report. Friendship Project had no report. Funeral Dinners report that there have been 3 funeral dinners.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

Children's Masses were discussed and there will be one in December, February and April. On December 24 the children's pageant will be at 4:00 PM and the Mass will start at 4:15 PM. Father Francis and Kelly O'Brien would like the children of the parish to do one Mass a month. They would take on the roles of Lectors, Greeters, Ushers and Singers. Since Deacon Joe Beauchamp usually does the homily on the second weekend of the month, the Children's Mass will also be on the second Sunday of the month. They are hoping to start this after the first of the year. Father Francis asked that we not use cell phones in church as this is the time for prayer, not phones. Lector training after the first of the year will be conducted by Deacon Joe. Spiritual Life were given a copy of the by laws from St. Thomas More so that they can review them and approve and/or make changes at the next meeting. Deacon Joe will be training servers and more Eucharistic Ministers after the first of the year. Father Francis commented that there needs to be more respect and reverence during the sacred liturgy. No talking on the altar while you are ministers. He would also like to see more quiet in the church for those that are praying. Ushers will be asked to remind parishioners to be quiet. We will have adoration time on the 2nd Sunday of every month. Rosary can be said during adoration. There will be an opening song and it will start at 9:00 AM on January 12. A novena will take place from December 16 through December 24 (9 days). On December 21 there will be a pitch-in-dinner after the 4:00 PM Mass with the Philippine community. Kelly O'Brien will be scheduling the servers and the goal is to have 3 servers at each Mass. Children will also have envelopes to put in the collection.

## OLD BUSINESS

President Ryan pointed out that we need to publicize the grill with the goal of selling it.

## NEW BUSINESS

The rental fees for the Social Hall have been raised to cover security and damage. Fees will cover a maximum of a 6 hour increment. There will be an additional \$50 fee if you go over 6 hours for two sections of the hall and an additional \$100 if you go over 6 hours for 4 sections. A tentative date for the Reverse Raffle is 2/22/20. Donna McGrath will check with Susie Gill to see if she will coordinate the Reverse Raffle. Ash Wednesday will be on 2/26/20. Ryan Wunderlich and John Cobb will lead the Christmas Party, but they need help. Jose Cruz said that he will help with the decorations. If you want to be part of the snow shoveling crew, see Steve Kavanaugh. Kathy Byrd pointed out that there will be no Coffee and Donuts on December 8.

## COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE ROOM

None.

## COMMENTS FROM FR. FRANCIS

Fr. Francis reported that the penance service will be on 12/23/19 at 7:00 PM. It will take place at St. Ann and be for both parishes. Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 AM at St. Ann for both parishes. Fr. Francis said that the Archdiocese envisions a long term partnership between St. Ann and St. Thomas More. Fr. Francis brought up to the Archdiocese the idea of having both parishes in the same deanery. He said that this matter is being worked out. Father reminded us of the Novena beginning December 16. He emphasized that he wants to bring in greater devotion to the Mass: reverence, silence. He added that he had received two complaints from parishioners about the talking in the church. Father Francis added that he realizes that people have gotten used to having baptisms during Mass, as Father Rob used to do. Because of traveling time between St. Ann and St. Thomas More, he can't do baptisms at Sunday Mass. But he could have Baptisms at the Saturday evening Mass.

Next Meeting will be on January 28. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM with the St. Ann Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Cesnik, Secretary