



Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Parish Upper Sandusky -Kirby

MINUTES FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 27, 2018

In Attendance: Father Tony Vattaparambil, Deacon Kevin Wintersteller, Patricia Winters, Brenda Miller, Rosanne Goodrich, Matt Parsell, Mark Rowe, Allan Thiel.

Excused: Jan Hart, Lindsey North and Luke Smith

Absent: Josh Frey, Deanna Piecha and Pat Oney

Spiritual Session: Deacon Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review of previous minutes:

- The minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting were accepted. Fr. Tony explained the addendum in the minutes to the Council.
- We hired Mr. Kevin Rice as our new part-time Secretary to the Parish. He will work three days a week –Monday-Wednesday.

Youth Ministry –Update from Deacon Kevin Wintersteller

- The Parish decided to hire a full-time Youth Minister with benefits.
- Three candidates applied for the Youth Minister position. Their Interviews will be lined up in the month of October.
- The Parent team is meeting regularly for planning and creating a program for this Ministry.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2018-2019

Ex officio

- Fr. Tony Vattaparambil
OFM Conv
- Deacon Kevin Wintersteller

Chair Person

- Patricia Uhl-Winters

Vice Chair Person

- Luke Smith

Secretary

- Jan Hart

Members

- Allan Thiel
- Brenda Miller
- Deanna Piecha
- Josh Frey (Young Adult- K)
- Lindsey North (Young Adult-U)
- Mark Rowe
- Matt Parsell
- Pat Oney
- Rosanne Goodrich
- Sherry Thiel

- A Youth Council has been created for the Parish Youth Ministry. There are 16 members in this Council.
- We are hoping to start our Youth Ministry at the beginning of November.

St. Peter School – Update from Fr. Tony Vattaparambil

- Fr. Tony presented and explained the recent letter from the Superintendent of Education in the Diocese of Toledo. There is a new guideline for the Parochial schools in the diocese where 70% of the operational cost is to be covered by tuition. Since this creates a financial burden to the parents; the parish is planning to remodel the policy in favor of the parents.
- Shared with the committee the discussion with the finance members regarding this issue.
- We are just beginning to explore the decisions of the Diocese. We will have more clarity following a later meeting

Stained Glass Windows –Update by Deacon Kevin Wintersteller

- Biglow Glass agreed to begin the work by the second week of October.
- They will begin with the smaller windows
- We have collected 164,195.66 for the project.

Discussion and Voting on Pastoral Council By-Laws

- Questions concerning the representation of the group were discussed.
- So, the Parish Pastoral Council will have four members from Upper and Kirby areas and 3 Members from Salem. One each young adult from Upper and Kirby
- The By-laws were approved with the above corrections.

Questions on the Identity of Welcoming Committee in the Parish

- Both Fr. Tony and Deacon Kevin met with Joan Smalley.
- One of their main concerns was that the committee no longer has any active role. It answered a need of the parish at the time of its reconfiguration but that situation does not exist anymore.
- The discussion is ongoing in regard to redefining of the Welcoming Committee.

On Forthcoming Pictorial Directory 2018

- Our last Pictorial directory was five years ago. So, there is a need for updating the Directory.
- The photo sessions are scheduled in the first and second week of November.
- The CLC members are organizing this event for the Parish.

Concluding Prayer

- Father Tony ended the meeting with a doxology.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be on the third Thursday (October 18 at 7:00 PM).

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Hart (Secretary)