

HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Present: Cindy Blank, Sherry Geier, Gregg Weber, Heather Blank, Sheryl Klingler, Carl Will, Tony Kuenstler, Fr. Mark Stec, Fr. Brett Judkins

1. Call to Order—Fr. Mark Stec
2. Appoint new Chair, new secretary, and new Committee Chairs

Tony Kuenstler will be the new Chair. Kevin Blank will act as Vice-Chair. Heather Blank will take over Secretarial duties for the upcoming year. Updated Committee Chairs are listed with the reports.

Retiring Council members Michael Kistner and Gail Niebrugge are thanked for their years of service and work contributed to Holy Cross Parish, Wendelin.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds (Maintenance Commission) -Tony Kuenstler & Gregg Weber

Old Business-

- Plaster Repair/Painting-delayed until November, 2019.
- Audio loop-Lee Jenkins from Hearing Impaired Solutions bid of \$4990 was accepted. Sherry Geier will contact Mr. Jenkins this week to schedule installation. This system will support parishioners with hearing aids and will move the Church to current ADA requirements. Parishioners will assume responsibility to make sure the settings on their hearing aids are set to receive the signals for this system.
- Tree between Church and rectory will be cut down, as well as a tree north of the Parish Hall. Also, some low-hanging branches will be removed to make mowing easier.

New Business- none

Finance Council (Stewardship Commission) – Carl Will, Sherry Geier

Old Business-Pastoral Council and Finance Council will jointly review financial statement and consider restructuring certificates of deposit or other investments upon completion of the financial statement for the past fiscal year.

New Business-School Assessment 2019-2020 school year 11 families, 19 students. 40% of income = \$42,000

Parish Renewal and Restructuring – Kevin Blank

Old Business- No timeline for the retirement or replacement for Bishop Braxton

New Business- welcome Fr. Brett Judkins to our Tri-Parish family; addition of St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville to Fr. Mark and Fr. Judkins' responsibilities. Currently, St. Lawrence will not be considered part of our Partnership.

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Cemetery – Carl Will & Sherry Geier

Old Business-

- some stones are leaning on the east side of the cemetery, no action will be taken as stones are the possession of the family of the deceased, not the cemetery
- will continue to work to make sure all records are available electronically

New Business-none

Education (Faith Formation Commission) – Heather Blank

Old Business -

- high school classes in session on Wednesday nights until the end of September.
- adult formation classes offered at a variety of times as listed on joint monthly calendar

New Business-Elementary and junior high school classes begin the first week in October. On-site classes are offered at Holy Cross, Wendelin only. Other students may attend at Holy Cross or participate online. Any student can make up a class by completing the work online. Last year, 98% of participants finished coursework.

Family/Life (Community Life Commission) – Cindy Blank

Old Business-

- Parish Appreciation Day, September 15, 2019; outdoor Mass (weather permitting); catered meal; Pastoral Council may be asked to contribute two dozen cupcakes.
- March 28, 2020 Wine Tasting.
- Swim party was dampened by weather.

New Business- none

Liturgy (Liturgy & Worship Commission) – Sheryl Klingler

Old Business-none

New Business-addition of Fr. Brett Judkins and the St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville parish will create changes in the Mass schedule for all Parishes in our Tri-Parish partnership. Schedule will be as follows:

- 4:00 p.m. Saturday St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville (effective September 14)
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday St. Joseph, Olney (effective October 5)
- 7:30 a.m. Sunday St. Joseph, Stringtown (effective September 14)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Cross, Wendelin (effective October 6)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday St. Lawrence, Lawrenceville (effective September 14)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday St. Joseph, Olney (effective October 6)

Pastor Report – all information reported in above committee reports

Date & Time of Next Meeting – TBA (November 2019-Wendelin), next Tri-Parish meeting-Monday, September 23, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Olney