

Holy Cross Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2017

Members present: Gail Niebrugge, Melissa Weidner, Fr. Mark Stec, Sherry Geier, Carl Will, Michael Kistner, Missy Buerster, Henry Kessler, Clint Bergbower

Guests present: Christy Volk and Christie Weidner (Picnic Committee)

The meeting was called to order by Michael Kistner, Chair, by reading of the Parish Mission Statement.

Picnic Committee Representatives Report

- Next meeting April 6 at 7:00 p.m.
- There are 11 members serving this year.
- Could there be a second dumpster secured for the weekend of Picnic. Fr. Mark suggested that a Picnic member contact Martha Buerster call and see if that can be arranged.
- No purchases for this year's event.
- Henry Kessler offered to let Picnic borrow some tents that he has recently purchased.

Building and Grounds Report (Maintenance Commission): Henry Kessler and Michael Kistner

- Are there other attachments that can be purchased for the new potato mixer? Tammy Rudolphi will be contacted as she is the one who ordered the mixer.
- Still need to consider fixing the paint and plaster inside the Church. Michael Kistner will call Jim Robards and Repke's to give an estimate. Need to consider running fans to keep the air moving year round. Seems to be better with the heat on in the Church.
- Fr. Mark will ask Jeffrey Rosenberg to find out who recently worked on the St. Joseph's Olney steeple. We would like a professional to come in and look at the guttering system on the Church to see if there are any issues that might be contributing to the moisture that builds up inside the Church and damages the plaster and paint.
- Brush pile (on west side of property, north side of the road) will be pushed further north and burned on Wednesday or Thursday, weather permitting. Henry Kessler is willing to do the work. Henry will talk to Hank Weidner about his trees that are in the same general area. There are some field drains that will be monitored, as well while the fire is burning.
- Work day needed. Google document for maintenance issues can be kept in Martha's office. Saturday, April 1, 2017 8:00 a.m.
- Fr. Mark will keep a garden in Wendelin.
- Ice machine is ready to use.
- Gutters on the Parish Hall need to be replaced or updated. Guards need to be replaced and snow tabs or something similar need to be put on. Michael Kistner and Henry

Kessler will call some local companies to give an estimate and recommend replacement or repair.

- Will look at the Parish Hall rental contract at the April meeting. After review and making any needed updates, the contract will be uploaded to the website.
- Storage room needs some patching done on the walls.
- Need two more carts for chairs for the storage room. Also, working on a system to stop carts from hitting walls and damaging walls in storage room.

Finance Council (Stewardship Commission): Carl Will and Sherry Geier

- Financial report reviewed. Current as of 2/28/2017
 - Charity: \$6,376.99
 - Mass: \$1,127.40
 - Building: \$81,317.36
 - Cemetery: \$7,497.09
 - General: \$9,177.83
 - Investments:
 - Cemetery-\$15,548.91 (CD); \$50,285.78 (Edward Jones Investment);
 - Building- \$53,437.60 (CD)
 - General Fund-\$35,215.09 (Cd's); \$57,006.27 (Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Belleville Investment)

Parish Renewal and Restructuring-Clint Bergbower and Michael Kistner

- Reviewed the recent Tri-Parish meeting.
- Recommended new Mass times to begin after Easter. 4:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Olney; 6:30 p.m.-St. Joseph's Stringtown; 8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Olney; 10:00 a.m.-Holy Cross Wendelin. This schedule will be reviewed and compared to the current schedule in June/July and a finalized schedule will be determined.
- Still working towards a combined calendar and bulletin.

Cemetery: Carl Will

- Will research "Perpetual Care" plan programs.-Ste Marie example
- Need to work on a few graves on a work day this spring. Cemetery Committee will repair.
- Discussion concerning the fact that there is not currently a backup set of "maps" and documentation for the cemetery. Could/should those documents be scanned/copied? Also, need the paperwork to be more accessible to those on the Committee if needed outside of regular office hours or when Church secretary is not available. A plan will be developed to increase access and lessen the risk of losing the information.

Education (Faith Formation Commission): Missy Buerster

- PSR classes are on-going

- Stations of the Cross are being led by PSR classes on Wednesday evenings.
- May 6, 2017 Confirmation
- Lenten Speaker Series started on Sunday, March 12, 2017 in Olney

Family Life: (Community Life Commission) Missy Buerster

- Wine Tasting-March 25, 2017 (in conjunction with Ladies' Sodality)
- \$15,000 Cash Raffle on March 25, also.
- Euchre Tournament is on-going, one date left.

Liturgy (Liturgy and Worship Commission)- Gail Niebrugge

- March 20, 2017 Feast Day at St. Joseph's in Olney, all are encouraged to attend

Other:

- **None**

The next Holy Cross Parish Council meeting will be Monday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Wendelin.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.