

Pastoral Council Minutes

December 4, 2017

We, Blessed Sacrament Parish are a Christ-Centered Community;
Committed to Worship the Father;
Committed to Respond to the Spirit's Gifts;
Committed to Loving Service to All God's People.

Attendance

Facilitator: **Jo Stone**

Vince Stricker

Susan Churchill

Bob Sylvester

David Elliot

John Gianola

Joe Gresham

Molly Linehan

Rick Brennan

Tom McLane

Kay Margocee

Colleen O'Neill

John Finnell

Matthew Crabtree

Peg Nagem

John Hanna

Travis Green

Bob Lucas

Jeanne Haas

Natalie Zellers

Mark Haas

Joe Jenkins

Guest

Carla Stricker

Margaret McGarrity

7:00 pm Opening Prayer (Bob Sylvester)

7:10 pm Finance Council Report (Carla Stricker, Margaret McGarrity and Natalie Zellers)
There was considerable discussion about the 2018 proposed budget. The highlights of the discussion were the Tithe fund, Increasing regular donations, the columbarium, and several budget cuts. The budget was approved by consensus of the Pastoral Council. (NOTE: The council was open to the idea of a capital campaign if the Finance Council deemed one necessary.)

7:45 pm Kudos (All)

- Finance Council Report was presented very well and all questions were addressed.
- Dismas Club was commended for all the work they do around the church.
- December youth night was well done. The youth seemed very attentive and interested in what was being said.
- Mark has enhanced the weekly Mass at Charleston Catholic. He shows up weekly and enhances their services
- Mark has done a wonderful job of renovating the website. While it is still evolving, he has shown a willingness to heed to the requests of the users.
- Groups have commented that the parish is welcoming to other groups that use our

facilities.

- Liturgical Ministers, especially sacristans spend a lot of time making our liturgy come together.
- Liturgical environment group has done an outstanding job of preparing our Advent atmosphere. The rock wall behind the altar is especially notable.
- Mark's intro before Mass enhances the ceremony, helping tie it all together.

8:00 pm General Parishioner Concerns (All)

- Several parishioners use the youth room during Sunday faith formation instead of going to the classes. This was determined to be a good thing if done in moderation, when they need one on one ministering rather than the faith formation topic of the day.
- The new website does not currently have a place for the PPC minutes. Bob Lucas suggested that Father John send them out as a separate attachment to the announcements. There was some discussion, and it was the consensus of the council that the minutes should be kept on the website. It was suggested that they be added under the "Parish Life/Leadership Ministries" tab.

8:15 pm Staff Concerns (Fr. John)

- Mark Haas reported that he was disappointed in youth night turnout. He also reported that the music ministry going outstandingly well. It was pointed out that the youth night was very well done, and maybe the parish could do more to encourage youth participation, both from our parish and surrounding parishes.

8:20 pm Old Business (All)

- Building Security – A paper "Catholic Mutual... Cares" was distributed. A Security meeting is being set-up. Joe Jenkins is to lead this effort. The team members will be quietly recruited in a discreet effort.
- Movie Night – Rick Brennan – There was a meeting with Jeanne and several others to discuss this. Jeanne suggests we start with once a quarter and do it on Sunday. At least during the winter this would ensure people travel during daylight hours. The first movie will be "Selma". It will be presented on Jan 28 2:00pm. Rick asked that the pastoral council act as the sponsoring committee. This first movie is geared toward teens and older. Because of this the nursery will need to be available for small children. Invitations should be sent out to other South Charleston churches. Dismas club will prepare movie foods.

~~**8:25 pm** Goal Team Break Out Session~~ ~~there was not time for this agenda item this month~~

~~8:40 pm~~ — ~~Goal Team Reports~~ ~~there was not time for this agenda item this month~~

8:55 pm Closing Prayer (Bob Sylvester)

9:00 pm Adjourn 9:09pm

Next PPC Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Prayer Leader: Molly Linehan