

Joint Pastoral Council Minutes February 19, 2019

Attendance from St. Anthony's: Danny Meyer, Brad Schmidt, Janet Boh, Rhonda Fulwiler, Cindee Loos, Don Bangart, Julie Loos, Cindy Schleckman.
St. Mary's: Dean Linder, Jill Gregorich & Nancy Ewoldt
Holy Family: Mary Cichosz, Mary Lou Behrens, and Diane Perko

The 7:00 p.m. meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Leo. Chairperson, Dean Lindner, called the meeting to order.

Danny Meyer from St. Anthony's requested that Mass attendance be added to the agenda. The agenda was then approved. The Parish Council & Finance Council Meeting Schedule was approved. There was one correction to the 2019 Budgeting Calendar. The April 4th Joint Pastoral Council meeting was corrected to April 11th.

Fr. Leo requested that our Joint Parish Committees keep in close communication and that the committees should be aware of what the others are doing. At this point Nancy Ewoldt inquired as to what Margie Szymanski's responsibilities are as our three parish secretary. Fr. Leo was able to outline some of her duties. To help ensure that no parish events are missed, and that there is no overbooking of events, each Parish Council should compile a **yearly Parish Event List** by April 11th which Margie will put on the parish calendar. In the future the list should be provided by January 1st, and it should include the name of a contact person in case questions arise.

With regard to our **Lenten Mission** there was a consensus to take up a collection after each of the nightly mission talks. This was decided so that people who cannot attend all of the mission nights will have an opportunity to contribute. It will be explained at the Mission that you are not expected to contribute every night. It was also decided that the money will be offered to our guest speaker, Fr. Martin. It was agreed that Fr. Leo should try to schedule another Lenten Mission for next year. It was noted that this may be difficult since some speakers would need more of an advance notice.

As a **Lenten activity**, Fr. Leo is preparing 40 questions based on one of the Gospels. The questions will be available to everyone on Ash Wednesday, and should be returned on Palm Sunday. Fr. Leo mentioned he would like to offer prizes for those who do well. Also during Lent there will be a short Way of the

Cross at each weekend Mass. Easter Masses have already been established by the Sacred Worship Committee.

Fr. Leo advised that he has received requests from our neighboring parishes to have their students join our **Confirmation Mass** at St. Anthony's. Fr. Leo accepted, and we will have Confirmandi from our three cluster parishes, from St. Mary's in Neillsville (11), Thorp and Owen (9), and Alma Center (2).

Fr. Leo advised that the **rectory** is in need of dishes, some cookware items and towels for the guest room. St. Anthony members mentioned that the Loyal Rectory was remodeled and furnished in recent years. After discussion as to how the expenses would be divided, Diane Perko offered that Holy Family PCCW should be able to purchase the dishes and some cookware. The laptop Fr. Leo needs will be covered by all three parishes.

Danny Meyer presented the October **Mass Attendance** sheets and advised that he is concerned that our attendance is going down at all three parishes, and how this affects our finances. There was also discussion about the basis for the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. St. Anthony's has already had someone from the Diocese come to their parish to explain the Appeal process, and Fr. Leo agreed to schedule someone to talk to St. Mary's and Holy Family Parishes about the Appeal.

The next Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be held on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. At St. Mary's.

Each Parish then met individually to discuss their parish concerns.

Meeting adjourned following closing prayers.

Diane Perko, Acting Secretary