

Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council

November 21, 2019

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Gerald Weber, Roger Johnson, Debbie Neufelder, Christie Menke, Stan May, Fr. Christopher, Fr. Luke, Deacon Joe, Joe Hopf, Jan Burger, Darwin Neufelder, Laurie Ziliak, Jason Baehl, Lisa May, Paula Heldt, Monica Weber, Becky Siewers, Carolyn Johnson

Members Absent: Warren Fleetwood, Amanda Southworth, Wanda Englert

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Minutes were approved after making corrections: Adding Monica Weber for those present in September, "I word" in School Council news was corrected to "I Read" scores, and also a couple of typed errors.
- C. Commission Reports:
 1. Alumni – Membership has increased 25 from last year. Membership is now at 142. The balance in the HCCAF Endowment is \$90,749.00. They purged the mailing list of people who hadn't given since 1996. Chili Supper fund raiser will be Feb. 16, 4-7:30 in Kaiser Hall.
 2. Boosters – Turtle Weekend was a success. There were 2,785 pounds made on the school weekend and 1,720 pounds made the church weekend. Leftover pecans are for sale. A storyteller was brought in for the students in October. She was such a big hit that she is returning in December. The school is participating in the Operation Christmas Child. Sixty-nine boxes were asked for. They are to be returned back to the school. The Christmas luncheon for the teachers is scheduled for Dec. 17.
 3. School Council – No Report
 4. Finance – There has been \$15,115 collected so far for the SAFD. For CPC: 59% of the cards are in with 78% for our money goal.
 5. Hospitality – There was a reception for our two RCIA candidates after mass on Oct. 13. There was a good turnout.
 6. Liturgy – The new vestments have arrived. The servers are now wearing the Black Cassocks and whit surplices which were paid for by the quilters.
 7. Parish and Social – Only 300 pounds of turtles remain to be sold. Dec. 5 is the Card Party.
 8. Stewardship – Fr. Denis Robinson from St. Meinrad presented "Count Your Blessings; Preparing the Family for the Holiday Season" on Sunday, Nov. 17 at St. James. This was well attended. A Tri-Parish Volleyball round robin tourney will be held Sunday afternoons on Jan. 12, 19, and 26. The event is intended for ages 18-30. This will alternate between St. James Madden Hall and the Old Fort Branch Gym. Childcare will be provided. Registration will start Dec. 15. There will be flyers and information in the bulletins. Anthony Keil from SPP is the contact person.
 9. Faith Formation – There wasn't a meeting so no report.
 10. Long Range Planning – They met with Fr. Christopher and reviewed the history of LRP.
 11. Building and Grounds – There has been a switch from Spectrum to WOW. It is still in progress. The tree stumps have now been removed.
 12. Journeymen – Their breakfast is Dec. 2. Fr. Luke will be giving a talk on Dec. 3.

13. St. Maria Goretti – They have had a Bingo with the elderly. Their Fall Freshactivities was well attended. High School members led activities for the middle school. Witness talks were given. Rocklife meets twice a month, Girl Talk meets once a month, boys have open gym with “halftime mantime” twice a month, and middle school activity meets once a month. They were able to rake 13 yards this year. Caleb Sellers is working with Bryan this semester in the “marketing department”. The Peer Leadership Team is doing a great job. The Christmas Lock-In for high school students is Dec. 20. There is a need for a lot of adult help. Bryan and 2+ youth are currently attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indy.

D. Old Business:

1. CPC Update: Given earlier by Finance
2. Catholic Parish Campaign – Our goal was \$439,589 with \$521,250 being pledged. Our goal amount yet to collect is \$79,507. Holy Cross has received \$210,606 through August. Feb. 2020 is to be the deadline.

E. New Business:

1. Church Pews – Some of the finish is rubbing off. The company has agreed to return to refinish these areas since the warranty is still good.
 2. Phone System Upgrade – The current system was installed in ‘06/’07. The office is getting estimates for a replacement.
 3. Nominating Committee- Monica W. has agreed to chair again this year. Each PC member representing a commission is on this committee. Names for prospects need to be obtained at the Jan. meetings so the process can begin in Feb.
 4. Pulpit talks will be given in Jan. to explain each commission.
 5. Mr. Hollis is aware he is to give his pulpit talk after the first of the year.
 6. Wedding Policy Non-Parishioner – Joe H. reported all three parishes have come together and have established a policy for all three to follow. There will now be a fee of \$600.
 7. School summer improvements – The ceiling tiles in the school will be replaced. Plans are to keep the grid work.
- F. Announcements – Joe H. informed the PC that Lisa May will be retiring later next year. This is now a good time to update the job description for the Parish Office Manager and Parish Secretary.
- G. Pastor’s Comments – Fr. Christopher read a letter that has been sent to the Principals regarding changes being made to the Children’s Christmas Mass.
- H. Fr. Luke gave the closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Burger