

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Pastoral Council Minutes

November 10, 2016

Opening Prayer: Homer Ferree

Roll Call: Father Adam Ahern, Deacon Jeff Powell, Mary Ann Bennett, Homer Ferree, Luke Fitzgerald, Barbara Sanders, Steve Lawrence, Wendy Kaiser

Absent/Excused: Father Eric Johnson, Bob Kleehamer, Kay Grube, Charla Perez, Lezlie Barth, Mark Seabrook

Old Business: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Lawrence to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2016 Pastoral Council meeting. This was seconded by Luke Fitzgerald and approved by all.

Financial Report: In Bob Kleehamer's absence there was no financial report

Education Report: Mary Ann Bennett reported the following had taken place since Fall break:

The walkathon took place on Halloween; 622 canned goods had been collected for Hope Southern Indiana; On All Saints Day the first graders dressed as saints and had a parade in church and a wax museum later in the day. They each knew several facts about the saint they represented; This week they have been concentrating on vocations and the religion classes have had talks from Sister Agnes from Providence, Deacon Jeff and Sandy Bierly ; Tomorrow a Veterans Day Program is scheduled. They hope to have a good turnout of veterans.

Associate Pastor's Report: Father Adam reported that Father Eric has been named Dean of the New Albany Deanery. In this position he will be supervising the Deanery Youth Office, Providence High School, the Clergy of the Deanery, among other duties. Father Adam said it will take some time to see how all of this will work.

Cardinal-Designate Tobin is now the Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey and will be leaving on January 6. As of now we do not have an Archbishop. Any final decision regarding Connected in the Spirit cannot be made until we do have a new Archbishop. Cardinal-Designate Tobin expects someone to be appointed fairly soon, possibly by Spring or Summer.

This weekend is intention weekend for the United Catholic Appeal. There will be a video at all Masses and in-pew pledges.

The Thanksgiving Feast will be held in Wagner Hall at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 22. It would be good if the Pastoral Council could be there as a group.

On December 3 there will be a Mass at the Cathedral in Indianapolis at 11:00 AM. This was to be a welcoming Mass for the new Cardinal but will probably now be a going away Mass.

Property and Facilities Report: The shelter is now finished except for the picnic tables. They have about \$600.00 that has been collected but not yet spent for this project.

The upstairs heating and air conditioning unit in the Parish Center went out last month and was replaced at a cost of \$4,800.00.

The floors in Church have been repaired. A sealer will be put on the Baptismal Font on Monday and it will then be ready to use.

Homer asked about the leaking sinks in the kitchen in Wagner Hall. Deacon Jeff will check on that.

There have been a few minor repairs made in the school after an inspection by the Fire Marshall.

There is nothing new to report on the project involving the steps in front of church. It will probably be Spring before anything can be done. One estimate for part of this project is now down to \$60,000.00. This is not the steps, but more the work on the front of church. Father may be looking at a Capital Campaign to fund this project.

New Business: None

A motion was made by Wendy Kaiser to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Barbara Sanders and approved by all.

Closing Prayer: Father Adam

Next Meeting: Because of the Holy Day on Thursday, December 8, our meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6. Wendy Kaiser will have the closing prayer for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Sanders, Secretary