

MINUTES – ST. PATRICK’S PASTORAL COUNCIL – March 19, 2017

OPENING: The Pastoral Council met in the media room of the Parish Center at 10:15 a.m. on the above date. Present were: Fr. Todd Philipsen, Robin Brierly, Tammy Calamari, Jim Gardner, John Navaro, Betty Reading, Joe Rischling, Cathy Smith, Linda Yeradi. Absent: Dwight Rasmussen and Riley Stack. The meeting opened with prayer by Fr. Todd.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 15, 2017 meeting were approved by consensus.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Religious Education – Cathy Smith – The confirmation retreat will be February 28 and held in Chadron. The desire for a parent meeting prior to the start of the confirmation process (10th graders) was discussed. The recent Religious Education Board meeting discussed the merits of the Totus Tuus program and would like to have this group return for the summer Vacation Bible School program. Fr. Todd brought to the group a program entitled “Message Received”. This program would involve more parishioners – both younger and older. Although Totus Tuus is an excellent program, Message Received will be used this summer for the Vacation Bible School. Various dates were discussed, realizing the difficulties with summer completion from sport and scout camps, etc. No dates were selected although the first week in June will be considered.

2. Liturgy Committee – Linda Yeradi – There have been numerous positive comments about the decorations in the church and appreciation for the bulletin notes telling of the reason for the particular decoration.

3. Welcoming Committee – Tammy Calamari – Six new parishioners have come to St. Patrick’s since January. The group discussed how to connect with these new people. Introduction and welcoming with coffee and cookies/rolls after Mass was suggested.

4. Finance Committee – Jim Gardner – Weekly collections have been on track with the projected budget. Expenses have also been in line with the projected budget. There are also some funds in savings accounts for projected Building and Grounds needs. The statements were approved by consensus.

5. Newman House – no report

6. Ministerial Association – no report.

7. Building and Grounds and Fr. Todd’s report

1. Doors to entrance of the church (east side). A bid of \$8000 has been received for this work. It is possible that the concrete base is not the issue but will be determined when the old doors are removed.

2. Church ceiling – condensation issues – This has reached a point of needs to be done. The architect and Jerry Moss will work to develop a design and process for repair. Rollin Sayer and Fuller Construction will also look at the area in question since they were on site during the building of the church.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Retiring council members – three terms will expire June 30, 2017 – Joe Rischling, Jim Gardner and Betty Reading. Parishioners will be asked to submit their names as candidates for council membership.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. No meeting in April –next meeting May 21, 2017. This meeting will include approval of the budget for 2017-2018.

Betty Reading,
Secretary