

St. James the Greater  
Pastoral Council Minutes  
Wednesday January 10, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

1. Opening Prayer – Ron Hartmus

2. Roll Call Attendance

Msgr. John Kasza - Absent	Father Greg Deter
Deacon Glenn Melenyk	Gene Bigi
Erica Bledsoe	Lisa Coughlin - Absent
Angelina Esteban	Gregg Garner - Absent
Ed Hart - Absent	Ron Hartmus
Aaron Klenke	Ken Krause
Julie Smith - Absent	Ed Roney
Wendy Wilber – Leave of Absent	

3. Minutes from November 8, 2017 – Approved - Correct to reflect that Ed Roney was present

4. Commission Reports

A. Worship

- 1. Most worship ideas are pre-screened before implementation.
- 2. They are currently scheduling a Worship Commission meeting.

B. Education

- 1. December 2017, we had 850 children enrolled in Religious Education.
- 2. "Kids Word" has been attended by about 70 children per week.
- 3. We have 110 First Communion candidates.
- 4. We have 128 Confirmation candidates.
- 5. We had 100 attend "Protecting God's Children".

C. Christian Service

- 1. Whitehall Healthcare Party will be in late January.
- 2. Parrish Health has a big February 4<sup>th</sup> planned with 3 events.
- 3. Pancake Breakfast will be in March.
- 4. Easter Basket Project will be starting in late February.
- 5. Many other projects were outlined in the commission report.

D. Stewardship

- 1. We are preparing for a presentation of our ideas to Father John.
- 2. Discussed how to setup Volunteer Office.
- 3. Discussed website page for Volunteering.
- 4. Discussed using an online service like SignUpGenius.
- 5. Presented scheduling ideas and Volunteering Philosophy.

#### E. Finance

- 1. Next meeting will be January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Meeting will be about the brick project.
- 3. We are hiring a company to run the capital improvement campaign.
- 4. A mailer will go out to outline the ideas and prepare the membership.
- 5. We will be preparing the parish for upcoming capital projects.
- 6. We have sent a letter to Archdiocese about the upcoming projects.

#### F. Evangelization

- 1. No report this month. Meeting will be later in the month.

#### G. Youth Group

- 1. Jessie Pomolove was our visitor.
- 2. Jessie and Angelina are taking up the "World Youth Day" leadership.
- 3. Ultimate goal is for the youth group visit Panama next year.
- 4. Possible Art Auction and Pizza Dance fund raiser.
- 5. Possible Chocolate Dessert contest fund raiser.
- 6. They would like to bring in speakers and bands.
- 7. Cross Point Church youth group will be used as an example.

### 5. Ongoing Business

#### A. Pastoral Letter "Unleash the Gospel" – Guideposts 5-10

- 1. What projects could we do during the upcoming year?
- 2. We will discuss in depth next month.

#### B. How to better use the building during the day

- 1. Discussed possible of a Day Care Center here at the church.
- 2. It would bring more non-members to our church.
- 3. Rita Kelleher will lead the project to look into the Day Care Center idea.
- 4. Day Care would require use of the building from 7am–6pm 5 days a week.
- 5. Day Care would conflict with Religious Education on Mon & Tues.

### 6. New Business

#### A. Vandalism on the Nativity Scene

- 1. Discussed possible security measures to protect the church.
- 2. The broken Nativity figures will need repair or replacement.
- 3. Discussed the possibility of security cameras.
- 4. Our front sign was damaged by auto accident.

### 7. Closing Comments – Brief Summary

### 8. Next meeting, Wednesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

#### A. Opening Prayer - Aaron

#### B. Closing Prayer - Julie

### 9. Closing Prayer – Julie Smith