

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 28, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Parish Media Center

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Council members present included: Terry McPhillips, John LaFrance, Ann Klein, Jennifer Minton, Brian Deeley, John McCahan, John Zazycki, Mark Engle, Traci Ellis, Rebecca von Gillern, Todd Peters, Sarah Nagy, and Jim Rudol. Father Larry and Chad Drinnen were also in attendance.

Sarah Nagy was introduced to Parish Council as the new youth representative. Sarah is a junior at MND and is involved in student government, the MND Worship Commission, and is the school mascot.

**Opening Prayer**

John LaFrance offered the opening prayer.

**Reading Mission Statement/Purpose**

The Mission Statement and the Council Purpose were read by Brian Deeley.

**Non-Member Forum** – None

**Review Minutes/Commission Reports**

All were reviewed and accepted.

**Old Business**

**Staff Report**

Father Larry gave the staff report.

The Vision Steering committee met with Sister Ellen Doyle to start organizing the discussions that will take place over a six month period to discuss the goals and vision for the future of the parish. The meeting in October will be to start the procedure to establish three goals that the parish will be working on. The various commissions in the parish are sending representatives to the meeting in order to gather their ideas for the goals.

The Grail has responded to the parish offer to purchase the four acres of land behind the pre-school for \$50,000. There would be payments of \$10,000.00 a year for 5 years. In addition to the purchased land, the Grail has offered to give the parish 1.8 acres in addition to what is being purchased at no charge. With this additional land, the parish will consist of forty acres.

Some of the security cameras are being replaced in the church and school due to age.

The parish is actively working on the poor internet connection on the parish property. Fixing this is important for safety concerns for both the school and the church.

## **New Business**

### **PPC Goals 2016-2017**

1. By August of 2017, identify and create an opportunity for the parish to have a fellowship event.  
*(Joe Hilliker and Cole Behrens)*

This goal is complete.

2. Publicize "Each One, Reach One" campaign in the newsletter, e-news, bulletin and announcements at the Easter Weekend Masses encouraging parishioners to invite 1 inactive Catholic or couple they know to Mass and Coffee & Donuts on May 7th. The completion of the goal will be on Easter, April 16, 2017 at the conclusion of the Special Announcement before the final Easter Mass. The shepherds will be responsible for ensuring all communication is coordinated including a guidance sheet in the newsletter to help parishioners with "Each One, Reach One." *(Jim Rudol and John Zazycki)*

Jim Rudol gave an update on the goal.

The "Each One Reach One" program in September will take care of this goal and it is now considered completed.

The weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the "Each One Reach One" event. There will be other parish activities going on this weekend such as buddy families, book fair, Donut Sunday, etc. If someone is attending church for the first time or for the first time in a long time, the goal is to not feel pressured or feel a spotlight is on them.

There will be information pamphlets available on the tables in the Parish Hall for people that may be interested in finding out more about the church activities.

3. Outreach – Continuing program for local homeless/more involvement in Cincinnati service project/more to parish, city, world. *(John McCahan)*

The IHN program in October will complete this goal.

The dinner on October 11<sup>th</sup> will be provided by the members of Parish Council. This includes setup for dinner, eating with the families, visiting with the families, and clean-up after the event. At most, there are sixteen participants, so not too many members of council are needed to stay for the meal. The program does not want the parishioners to out-number who is participating in the program.

The members of Parish Council decided who will bring what items for the dinner and help with the activities. The members are asked to have their items dropped off for the dinner between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. From 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. will be after dinner activities. Trace Ellis will email the items that the members signed up to bring for the dinner and if they volunteered to help with the evening.

4. By August 2017, work with the various parish stake holders (PPC, Finance, Property Committee, others) to establish a separate cross-functional team to provide guidance and recommendations on prioritizing long term (i.e. 5 years) financial needs of the parish given the anticipated realities (declining enrollment, projected paid off debt, etc.) ***(John LaFrance and Terry McPhillips)***

The parish vision team has been formed and this goal is considered completed.

5. By August of 2017, increase and personalize the availability of information about the many ministries and organizations active within and outside the parish to raise awareness by facilitating the establishment of an information booth staffed by trained/knowledgeable volunteers after each weekend Mass. ***(Shepherds – Diane Haberstich, Terry McPhillips, Todd Peters, and Brian Deeley)***

This goal has been completed.

### **PPC Calendar items and New Business/Hot Topics –**

#### **Liaison Discernment - Jim Rudol -**

The various liaisons were reviewed by the members of Parish Council to determine who would be liaison for the different groups in the parish.

Jim Rudol went over the list of the liaisons needed for the members to decide which liaison they are interested in at this time.

The updated list of liaisons will be sent out once some members of Parish Council that were unable to attend tonight's meeting are contacted to find out their interest in being a liaison.

It was recommended that at the start of the Parish Council meeting, the various liaisons give a one to two minute update on the commission they represent.

### **Revisit Non- Member Forum and time spent on goals**

There was discussion about the non-member forums at the start of Parish Council meetings. It was to decide the purpose and if there should be a non-member forum at the start of each meeting or just as they are needed.

It was recommended that the liaison from Parish Council could invite a commission member to come and give a more detailed presentation about the activities of their group. At the same time it is important not to have a presentation just to have one. It was determined that it does not have to be every month. It could be a couple months during the year.

The idea of inviting various members of the commissions to be part of the non-member forum is to help the members of Parish Council better understand the activities and needs of the commissions. At the same time, the commissions would learn more about the activities of Parish Council.

### **Adjournment**

**Meeting Schedule:** Our next meeting is October 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Parish Media Center.

**Please Note:** Agenda items are due 2 weeks before the next meeting and Commission.  
Reports are due the Friday before the next meeting.

**Closing Prayer:** John McCahan

**October Prayer:** Terry McPhillips

**October Refreshments:** Brian Deeley and Traci Ellis

Respectfully submitted by Chad Drinnen