

**St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**Theme for this year: *A Need for Renewal and A New Beginning***

In attendance: Shari Showalter, Karen Ferris, Fr. Kevin, Duane Kelch, Greg Cavazos, Ron Schermer, Judy Nelson. Guest: Tom Crane

Opening prayer by Shari and called to order at 6:02 pm.

Motion to approve 8/1/17 Pastoral Council minutes and 8/1/17 Linkage minutes: Duane/2<sup>nd</sup> Greg. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building/Grounds** – No report.

#### **Liturgy**

- Fostering Anglo-Hispanic community at St. Patrick set as a goal/objective. **A Bilingual Mass is scheduled for All Souls November 2 at 6:30.**
- **October "Right-to-Life" Rosary** will be prayed each Sunday before Mass at 10 am.
- **November Advent plans** include Advent Taize Prayer and Evening Prayer. Fr. Kevin will help with the Evening Prayers.
- **December Christmas Mass times** were discussed. It was suggested to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent on Saturday evening as Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. No dates or times were finalized.

#### **Finance**

- **@ SCRIP** – need to establish 501(c) (3) status; need to recruit 4 or 5 people for the sub-committee; will use same accounting program as St. Mark's; will use local businesses first. **M/Duane/2<sup>nd</sup> Greg to advance \$3,000 for initial inventory of scrip cards. Motion carried.**
- **"\$40,000 in 40 Days" a success** with over \$50,000 collected to date.
- **Profit/Loss Statement and Balance Sheet** reveal need to generate income. Tithing appears to be successful as contributions were higher in July; will be 4 or 5 months before full effect is known. **Auto-pay** contributions need to be pushed. Discussion @ Rectory maintenance expense.

**Faith Formation** – No report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Painting parking lot stripes** – No action.
- **Social Concerns** -- At one time, the local churches shared the financial burden of the **Food Pantry** (housed at St. Patrick's). Fr. Kevin advised that a Ministerial Meeting is set for October 17; Karen will attend to see if any interest in renewing this partnership.
- **@ Parish Safety Inspection** – Angie has the list of volunteers who have finished the **Driving Course**. Question: **Should volunteers be required to have criminal background checks?**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Tom Crane** presented a detailed cost analysis on the **electrical cost to light the Rose Window**. A significant savings would be realized if the light was not on 24/7. **M/Greg/2<sup>nd</sup> Duane** to use light switch instead of timer. Discussion @ sanctuary lighting – Duane will contact Mid-America about conducting an audit.
- Discussion @ **electronic sign**; Shari will talk to Angie to see if readout speed can be lowered.
- Discussion @ **Rectory roof** – Three estimates presented. **M/Duane/2<sup>nd</sup> Greg to table repair.**
- Discussion @ **painting outdoor beams** – Tom will talk to Scott @ estimated cost.

- **@Parish Audit** – Ron advised Angie has been working on this; Finance will send report.
- **@CCD** – Discussion @ **Tuition Scholarship Drive**; suggest that **tuition payments be collected weekly**.
- **@ Fundraising** – Shari suggested working with **BEC Foods Fundraising** Clear Lake – **cookie/mini donut sale**. We would do the promo for a “cash and carry” event; this highly recommended business would take care of the rest. Contact info: [Linda@bec-foods.com](mailto:Linda@bec-foods.com) -- owners: **Brent Scarrow 641-425-6480** and **Linda Scarrow 641-25-6463**.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Ferris

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 at 6 pm.** Karen will notify Council Members a week in advance.