

Present: Scott K., Kim M., Maria M., Sue H., Susan B., Sheila H., Les K., Anna K., Fr. Nate, Fr. Jon

Absent: Kathy M.

I. Approval was given for previous meetings minutes. Susan made a motion and Sheila, 2nd motion.

II. Shirley Heinze Land Trust

Fr. Jon explained that the trust company for Shirley Heinze contacted him to purchase the wetland the parish owns on the east side of Hwy 49 near Jewell. The parish pays taxes in excess of \$400/year for these wetlands and the trust would like to purchase them for \$64K. This purchase would have to be approved by the diocese. The trust company would add to the purchase agreement that St. Patrick parish/school would have access to the wetlands.

Les asked if the parish had a vision for what the money would be used for. Fr. Jon said the funds wouldn't last long that there are many improvements needed on campus: parking lot, school restrooms, and a church a/c unit to name a few.

Susan was wondering if there was any history on how we obtained the property on the other side of 49. Fr. Jon stated that the highway went in after the land was donated.

Jeff asked why S.H. wanted the land. Fr. Jon said their interest is in improving, preserving and protecting the wetlands. Father thought it is their intention to improve the wetlands to be developed into useable space that accesses the river. Fr. Jon explained that the land has no value to that parish.

Jeff also asked if we own the access road that leads to the wetlands. Father said yes, we do. It was thought they would access the property by the use of the river. S.H. also own an adjacent piece of property, possibly they would access through that. Fr. Jon said he would inquire about how they expect to access the property.

Fr. Jon asked the members present to sign the proposed agreement if they approved of the offer.

III. New Council Member invite, process, timeline

It was confirmed that Anna, Maria, Susan and Sheila would end their term November 2018. In August on the 3rd and 4th weeks, two consecutive articles would be published in the bulletin explaining the aspects of Pastoral Council. Then on the 1st weekend in September members of the current council will speak from the pulpit with an invitation to join Pastoral Council requesting nominations. A "coupon" will appear in the bulletin and parishioners will be asked to return it to the parish office or to the collection basket the following weekend. All nominations must be signed. During September we will choose new members and a night for discernment. Representatives from the Commissions should be present at discernment.

IV. Parish Census process update

Jeff, Scott and Sheila met to discuss the best way to collect current parishioner data. They devised a 4 phase process. Phase 1) Collect phone numbers and emails immediately. A "quick contact form" could be placed in the pews, parishioners could update their contact information and place the form in the collection basket. Phase 2) Mass email; once the updated contact parishioner data is entered into the system, we will send an email requesting additional information: children, sacraments, gifts &

talents, employment. Phase 3) Paper forms would then be handed directly to the families who either did not or were unable to update online. Phase 4) Phone calls will be made to those who we were unable to reach.

Susan asked if there is a way to know who has updated. Jeff said Dan is currently looking into what options we have. It is hoped our current system has the ability to indicate who has updated. We are currently trying to see what information we can get back from the computer system.

Fr. Jon stressed how important this update is to the parish office. Too often he has gone into the system to find a phone number only to find it is no longer in service.

Les asked if it would be a convenience to parishioners if we had a kiosk in the narthex for them to update their personal information. Jeff said that it is an option. He added that if we had a welcome booth in the narthex, we could place a kiosk there which would make it convenient for new parishioners to register as well as parishioner data could be updated regularly.

Susan commented that it would be nice if we could 'share contact' information between parishes within the diocese with ease. Jeff added that the diocese implemented a similar program, which has the ability to link all schools however, they are not linked.

Susan asked if people could email or text their updated information directly to a parish email address or phone number? Scott replied that we wanted to ensure obtaining the information and felt that placing a form in the pew would be the best avenue.

Fr. Jon stated that it would be best to put a 'coupon' in the bulletin asking for the updates. Jeff mentioned we may want to add a clause that they agree to opt in to receive emails from the parish.

Jeff will contact Dan about adding the 'coupon' to the bulletin.

V. Commissions – Ministries update

a. Education

Faith formation is moving forward. The schedule of classes coincides with the Duneland calendar. Confirmation for the 8th grade class is a 1 year program. They will use the materials from Decision Point. Confirmation will likely be in the spring April or May. The program is working on drop off/pick up and security procedures.

Fr. Nate is preparing a program for persons, who are eligible but, have not yet received Confirmation. Fr. Nate passed out a description of the courses and explained that it will have 2 tracks. The program is for parishioners who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, but not Confirmation. The classes will be separated by High School students in one class and HS graduates to those 35 years of age. This is a temporary program to fill the needs of this parish. The HS class will use the same Decision Point program as the 8th grade students. The Young Adult class will use the online program on the Formed website. Any college aged student who is away from

home and is in need of Confirmation will have to work locally with the priest at their Newman Center and report back to St. Patrick with progress.

Fr. Jon explained the overall plan for Religious Education is that it will not solely be classroom instruction. The students will be encouraged to take part in the liturgy of the church. There are a few opportunities for families to come together to celebrate Mass and participate in family activities outside of class. This change of coursework is driven by the Bishop who requires all children to receive a certain amount of classroom hours for instruction. Fr. Jon explained that we would like for RE to be an investment you make to enrich one's faith life. We receive awards, which end up in a box, but your faith remains.

This spring Fr. Jon and Fr. Nate will begin to look any and insufficiencies in the sacrament of Marriage for the parishioners.

b. Parish Life

Fr. Nate has been contacting the ministries at the parish to see if they are current and to seek out the current chairperson. He has gotten some statements from the current ministries and hopes to use these to fill the Ministry Rack in the church narthex.

There will be a procession on June 3rd, the feast of Corpus Christi at 1pm. Weather permitting, the procession will take place outdoors. Fr. Nate passed out the details. He is also working on a tri-fold prayer aid we will use that day.

c. Peach & Social Justice

VI. Synod

Sunday May 20, Pentecost Sunday everyone is invited to a pray service at the cathedral. At this prayer service each parish will send representatives to submit to the Bishop their parish plan for the synod initiatives they have chosen. Sty. Patrick parish is sending Steven and Clare Travis.

a. Hospitality

b. Evangelization

c. Young Catholics

Totus Tuus has been chosen the missionaries who will travel with the program around the diocese this summer. They will visit 8 parishes in all. St. Patrick's week is July 8-13.

VII. New Business

Next Pastoral Council Meeting June 14th, 2018 at 7:00pm

Submitted by Kim Morton

