

St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2015-Parish Office Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael Haney at 7:10 p.m. Fr. Tom led the opening reflection with a prayer written by Pope Francis.

Members present: Sharon Asselin, Fr. Timothy, Michael Haney, Fr. Tom, Mike Kowski, Nancy Schramel, Gary Schreifels, Kathleen Unzen, Kathleen Virnig, Mark Wieser and Dan Winkelman.

Also present: Peggy Arseneau, Business Manager; Ann Stockinger, parishioner; Nancy Zaczkowski, Pastoral Assistant; and Joan Heider, Council Secretary.

Members excused: Steve Burt and Steve Frechette

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Fr. Tom thanked the council members who have completed their three-year pastoral council term of serving. They are: Steve Burt, Nancy Schramel and Kathleen Virnig.

Items From the People

- Ann Stockinger and her husband Bill chair the annual Friday Lenten Fish Fries for St. Anthony. They were asked to check out the possibilities of using Fair Trade Coffee at the fish fries. Cost differences were discussed. The point of using Fair Trade Coffee is to help the farmers who produce the coffee. Council members suggested that Fr. Mark Innocenti give a presentation at the weekend liturgies on a weekend when the Men's Family Breakfast is serving its monthly breakfast. They could serve the Fair Trade Coffee at the breakfast, and the parishioners could hear about and taste Fair Trade Coffee the same weekend. Fr. Tom and Fr. Timothy will talk with Fr. Innocenti about his speaking to the parishioners.
- Nancy Schramel expressed gratitude for her opportunity of serving on the Council.
- Several parishioners had approached a council member concerning the replacement of the Resurrection Cross in the sanctuary with a Crucified Christ. Fr. Tom stated that he had crafted a Crucified Christ processional crucifix for each of the three cluster parishes, and they make our cluster in compliance with the liturgical requirements, but conversation will continue. Parishioner views are divided on this question.
- Mike Kowski highly complimented Sharon Asselin, Ruth Schutz and Kathleen Virnig for their outstanding job of assembling the Silent Auction at the Parish Spring Fling.
- Fr. Tom noted that parish custodian, Kevin, is doing well after a medical event at the Spring Fling. His great contributions to the parish in many areas were also noted.

Finance Council Report

- The current annual review shows St. Anthony \$117,000 in the black, thanks to the generosity of the contributors. The long-term debt is \$505,680; this includes the loan for the new boiler at \$144,000.
- We are still working on leasing the convent building.
- The parish assessment for the road work around St. Anthony is \$52,000, payable over a 20-year period. The project will be completed by October.
- This year's Spring Fling net for the parish is \$22,864.72. (The budgeted amount was \$12,000.) Fr. Tom thanked the council members for their work on this GREAT EVENT! There were many people present who are not members of the parish. Many parishioners were in awe of the crafting talents shown by the many types of items at the auction.
- This year's Friday Lenten Fish Fries had the largest ever attendance. Many guests said they have found St. Anthony's to be the best of the area Lenten Fish Fries. We are also the only parish having a weekly fish fry. Fr. Tom expressed his gratitude for the many volunteers of the event. The new Vital 3.0 Program of adults and youth working together should be an added help with finding more volunteers.

Vibrancy Tool Projects

- Fr. Timothy presented an update of the cluster Evangelization Project. On April 1, two volunteer visiting teams contacted 72 residences. There is another possible visiting session being considered for July. It is hoped to have three or four teams from each cluster parish. Those who visited the homes will speak of their visiting experience at the June 6 and 7 cluster liturgies. There is a need

for more parishioners in our cluster to become involved, as well as the need for all parishioners to be welcoming to new people entering our parishes.

- Pastoral Assistant Nancy Zaczkowski is looking for additional volunteers to help with the kiosk for the Gathering Space. Consideration of a Parish Volunteer Appreciation Event is being considered to be held possibly in the fall. Nancy will work on the details of this event.

Pastor's Updates

- PEA (Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration) Retreat Day will be held on June 6, the day before the Feast of Corpus Christi, at St. Anthony Church. Anyone is invited to attend.
- Due to the road work, this year's Corpus Christi Procession will be held at St. John's Cantius Church.
- Mike Grundhoefer will pursue his seminary studies at a seminary different from St. Thomas where he had been enrolled.
- The planning process for the Catholic Schools future continues. Bill LeClaire has been named to the Financial Committee as part of this work.

Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has written "The Face of Mercy" to introduce this year's world-wide observance of Year of Mercy. Fr. Tom encourages everyone to read it. He is working on ideas to foster this observance in our cluster.

Next Pastoral Council meeting date: Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Adjournment: Michael Haney adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Fr. Timothy led the closing prayer.