

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018**

Chris was absent, due to his fathers-in-law death. Please remember his extended family in prayer. We opened our meeting with prayer.

Father Bob reported that his letter encouraging special Christmas financial gifts was productive. Cindy thanked parishioners, per a bulletin announcement, for their generosity.

Father Bob asked for clarification re: what prompted looking into possible outsourced supplementing management of parish website/Facebook. Father will review with Chris and with Bryan.

Father Bob informed us that visits to new parishioners have been overlooked. He is eager to resume this outreach. Ellen posed that PPC could assume/resume this responsibility. The process is: Denise sends a mass email to parish council. Members rotate in volunteering to phone or email a welcome to the new member and, ideally, schedule a brief meeting, to hand deliver a packet of church information. This can be done at church before or after a Mass; at a local coffee shop; or at their home. If a face-to-face meeting isn't convenient, the packet is simply left at their door. Council member then follows up with a phone call or email asking if the new parishioner has any questions. Ellen will contact Denise and they'll move forward with this ministry.

Follow up on pledges continues. 485 pledge cards were returned. Then an independent company reached out to 295, obtaining 97 additional pledges. When M/M Rowes and Boys are back in town, those two couples will complete the follow up. Then staff will draft a more accurate roster of active parishioners.

Ash Wednesday assignments were doled out, supplies (including gluten free bread) and instructions reviewed. Members purchase the food as their donation, this once in Lent. Other commissions support the remaining weeks of soup suppers.

Two certain and a possible third seat on PPC will be vacated this May. Ellen's double term is up, Jean's initial term expires, and Terry will discern his calling, after his surgery. A bulletin announcement will run 2 weekends, after Easter. The pulpit invitation will be extended mid-April and the names will be drawn the final weekend of April. Thus, this year's nomination/selection process is completed before May (first communions & Mothers' day.) Terry will contact Chris, Demetri and Jan to discuss next year's vice-chair. We need a new youth rep, also.

Jane Marie distributed the 2018 parish spotlight schedule. Jane Marie refers to the green ministry book and includes some repetition of staff members' introductions- allowing for some parishioners being occasionally absent. She schedules to highlight seasonally appropriate ministries. Jane Marie welcomes councils' suggestions and volunteering to interview/write spotlights. Thank you, Joan, for offering to contribute.

A PPC group photo was taken for our church website.

Parish mission sign ups were posted, and all slots were filled. Thank you!