

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**January 15th, 2019**

**Present:** Fr. Terry, Mike Myers, Chad Archer, Greg Flanagan, Sue Geegan, Bob Keller, Barb Knuth, Andy Konopka, Bill Leece, Kasia Meler, Michael Pazur, and Tony Piasecki, Joan Sloan

**Not Present:** Pete Barber, Luis Gutierrez, Rick Zanardo, and Fr. Rich

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Mike Myers.

**I. Mission and Faith First**

- Bob Keller read from Psalm 23

**II. Mission Statement and Pulse of the Parish**

- Bob also lead the Council in reading the Vision and Mission Statements
- Sue and Bill shared how pleasant the Christmas season at Holy Family was.
- Greg shared that “Be” has been a word that stuck with him in an out of church.
- There was discussion about the times of Christmas Eve Masses.
- Barb noted that greeting on Christmas Eve outside of church was well received.
- There continues to be a need for more greeters and ushers on Christmas.

**III. Approval of Council Minutes**

- October minutes - Motion to approve made by Tony, and seconded by Andy. All approved.
- December minutes - Motion to approve made by Kasia, and seconded by Andy. All approved.

**IV. Election of Vice Chair**

- Fr. Terry nominated Luis Gutierrez. Tony seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**V. Pastor’s Report (Fr. Terry)**

- There were many positive comments on the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses, including the Irish dancers. There should be a standing invitation for individuals to celebrate their culture - we are very diverse.
- The Mass of Rock has a tremendous amount of energy - even the Subway guy knew about it! There will be a theological foundation to the Mass.
- Presentation and sharing of results of our Clergy Sexual Abuse Survey will happen on January 18th with Deanery priests, a Holy Family town hall on January 30th, and with Cardinal Cupich on March 11th.
- The Gathering, the 8th annual men’s day will be held February 2nd from 8:30am-3:30pm.
- Budget catch-up collection received \$77k (vs \$70k Goal). Christmas collection is down, possibly connected to Budget Catch-up.
- Kid Church goes Big Church on February 17th at 4pm Mass. Will be led by parents and children.

- Food Pantry is closing at the end of January. We average 8 people served per month, with 5 coming from St. Theresa. St. Theresa will combine their food pantry with St. Thomas of Villanova. No one will leave Holy Family in need of food, with our efforts bolstering the PADS food supply, and those in need being serviced through that.
- Catholic Schools Week will be January 27th - February 1st
- The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship has a 2-to-1 match for Archdiocesan schools for donations made through Empower Illinois
- Gala - Come Sail the SS Holy Family cruise-themed event. Tickets to the event and raffle tickets are on sale now. Also seeking donations and sponsors.
- The Beloved Retreat will be held at Mundelein Seminary February 15-17
- RCIA is up to 13 seeking full Communion and 6 Baptisms. RCIC has 6 seeking Baptism.
- Winter Kairos Teen retreat is more than full. So is the Summer Mission Trip.
- Pasta Palooza is February 9th. This is the teens' largest fundraiser.
- Parish Mission will be Sunday, March 24th - 26th, led by Fr. Ed Shea.
- Renew Our Church and Renew Holy Family - there will be a uniquely Holy Family approach to Renewal. Terry Nelson and Laura Fields from Old St. Pats will help further clarify these efforts.
- The Capital Campaign will be delayed until Spring. The CCS consultants believe Holy Family can raise \$4 Million for sustaining and renewing the community.

## **VI. Other Business**

- Holy Family will be hosting Deanery Reps on Wednesday, February 6th.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned by Mike Myers at 8:45pm. A closing prayer was offered by Mike Pazur.

Respectfully submitted by Chad Archer