

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes  
November 9, 2016

Council Members: Bill Steiner, Larry Kopczynski, Fr. Shiyo, Denise Hammrich, Karin Seubert, Sarah Rosenlund

Opening prayer: All present participated in the prayer.

- **Approval of Minutes**

There were no October minutes to approve as the council did not meet in October.

- **Parish Administrator Report –Sarah Rosenlund**

Sarah introduced and explained a new format for the council's agenda. She directed their attention to the financial information provided on the agenda. A recap of the "Joy of the Journey" program was summarized as about a 25% response to date. The hoped for target was a 40% response. There is another 4 weeks of the program to get additional responses. A 15-20% increase in giving is the goal. Online giving has been implemented. Efforts are being made to encourage use of online giving. The LPI online giving component, We Share, is what All Saints is able to offer to our parishioners. Giving is easily imported into our parish data base. It also gives the option to printout an "I gave online" receipt if families or individuals want to place it in the collection basket. The program sends receipts and can be personalized to send reminders. The program is very user friendly. The Vibrant Parish workshop had suggested changing up our bulletin cover to spotlight our parish and school events, liturgical seasons, etc. When the World Mission Special Collection was focused on in this way, we saw support double. The Trunk or Treat event was successful its first year. Some of the larger ministries have had some change in leadership in keeping with the vision of a 3 yr. rotation in ministry leadership. This helps keep ministries fresh and open allowing parishioners to freely join or leave ministries.

A number of great things are being planned by the Fun and Fund raising committee such as the Trunk or Treat. On December 18<sup>th</sup> All Saints will host their first Christmas Concert after the 10:00 am Mass.

Our youth group is now on Instagram.

To mark the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, All Saints will have a special adult Confirmation and a burning ceremony of parishioners instances of un-forgiveness on Christ the King Sunday. Larry asked if we had highlighted upcoming events in the bulletin. Sarah responded a quarterly calendar was an insert in the bulletin and additional copies can be found in the information kiosk. When asked about publishing baptism and weddings, Sarah pointed out the challenge of getting permission to publish. This is continuing to be talked about.

Karin commented the digital bulletin board is great, and she is hearing many good comments.

Sarah pointed out we are using all the media options available to us in an effort to keep parishioners well informed.

The architect contract for the school building project is approved and will be signed Friday.

- **School Report –Denise Hammrich**

This years' ACTION Auction had a net profit of \$141,000-a new record. The Veteran's day celebration had a pretty good turnout. The accreditation process is near completion. The presentation binders are being prepared. The team will be at All Saints Catholic School in March. The school now has a 1 to 1 ratio of media to students in grades 3-6. Christmas Tree sales begin the day after Thanksgiving. A retirement party is being planned for Ernie Kaufman who has been with the school for 31 years. The advent concert is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and will be held in the auditorium at Lewiston High School.

Karin reported work is moving forward on the school building project. They have been blessed to work with Larry Kom as the architect. The approval of his contract will allow more detailed plans to be developed which will produce firmer building costs. ASCS may be beginning a letter writing

campaign in an attempt to secure some of the monies generated from the sale of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. There are lots of things going on!

- **Ongoing Columbarium Revision Update-Bill Neumayer:**

No report.

- **Pastor Report-Fr. Brad**

No Report

- **Parochial Vicar Report-Fr. Evarist Shiyo:**

Fr. Shiyo explained in more detail the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy forgiveness ceremony. The Catholic Church will be getting three new Cardinals as the Year of Mercy closes.

- **Other Business:**

Larry reminded the council of the earlier discussion regarding the parish hosting a meal for the community in January or February. Larry thought it would be in 2017. This budget year funding has already been allocated for the December 10<sup>th</sup> Community Dinner. Larry would like to see future plans talked about and more firmly developed. The vision is to get the All Saints facility more involved with the community. Further discussion of the proposal and possible impact were explored.

Karin had a parishioner contact her about All Saints engaging in more community outreach and Karin feels the focus of The Journey of Joy goal of doubling charitable giving is filling that and answering that concern nicely.

All Saints being able to offer more fun than fund raising efforts is the focus and goal for our parish community. The fun and fund raising committee will need more help to make that a reality.

- **New Business:**

No new news

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be December 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:**

Fr. Shiyo offered the closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Gallagher*