**MOST HOLY TRINITY PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOST HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

JANUARY 10, 2017

**Attendees:** Fr. Dennis Howard Adam Halfman Craig Arens

Rachel Feldpausch Jenny Halfman Randy Wirth Tricia Feldpausch

The meeting was called to order by Craig at 7:01 p.m. and a prayer was led by Father Dennis. A motion was made by Jenny Halfman to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 27, 2016. Randy Wirth seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION/EVANGELIZATION** —Andrea Schneider (Absent)

Question about the weekend of Palm Sunday being chosen as the weekend for the next adult retreat. Adam stated that it was one of the few weekends available at Bethany House. (Reference attached Adult Evangelization report.)

**DRE/RCIA REPORT**—Paul Fahey (Absent)

No comment. (Reference attached DRE report.)

**MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT**—Kayla Feldpausch (Absent)

Many comments about the exciting changes in the music ministry and the vision Kayla has going forward. (Reference attached Music Ministry report.)

**PRINICIPAL’S REPORT**—Anne Hufnagel (Absent)

Curiosity expressed regarding the school’s application for a safety grant distributed by the Michigan State Police. Adam will be asking Anne for further information about the grant. Education Commission minutes were included with th e Principals’ report. (Reference attached principal’s report.)

**YOUTH MINISTRY** **REPORT**—Corey Luna (Absent)

No comment. (Reference attached youth ministry report.)

**PARISH OPERATIONS REPORT**—Adam Halfman

Positive feedback regarding the work done in the cemetery in 2016. List showing items completed in the cemetery in 2016 was helpful.

**PASTOR’S REPORT**—Father Dennis

Further discussion of Witness to Hope diocesan campaign.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion of the letter Father sent to members of the parish concerning the parish financials. This appears to be a good way to keep people informed of parish financial status.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

For consideration: prioritizing parish projects with funds which will be received from the Witness to Hope campaign. This conversation is being saved for a time when more pastoral council members are present.

Question: Would it be possible for Father to move the reading of the announcements from the end of Mass to another time—perhaps before Mass starts? The standing then sitting then standing again is difficult for some parishioners. Father stated he would prefer to keep the announcements at this point during the Mass but will announce that parishioners are certainly welcome to stay seated rather than standing then sitting then standing again.

**GUEST COMMUNICATION:** Two representatives from the Witness to Hope campaign attended the meeting to share basic information. The goal of the campaign is to raise $65 million over the next five years from all parishes in the diocese. There are two components to the campaign: raising funds for the life of the individual parish and raising funds for the things we do collectively as a Catholic church community (such as ministry, Catholic charities, education of seminarians, financial aid for school tuition).

Our parish goal is 669,000 which is the amount of the annual offertory collection from 2015.

There will not be a Diocesan Services Appeal this year.

Updates on the campaign can be found at witnesstohope.net.

**AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES:**  Brent Simon (absent), Jenny Halfman, Mike Spicer (absent), Randy Wirth, Rachel Feldpausch, Rebecca Feldpausch (absent), Kim Simon (absent)—No further comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a closing prayer by Father Dennis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Feldpausch, Secretary