



**St. Luke's Parish Pastoral Council  
2019-2020  
November 14, 2019  
7:10 PM Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Mary Johnson, Tonya Althaus, Gary Olsen, Fr. Ken, Dana Bastian, Jason Richards, and Judy Jones, Jennifer Joensen (on phone)

**Not Present:** Shani Wahl, Deacon Fred, Deacon Don, Brian Warner

**Guests:** Susan Grebasch

**Opening Prayer ~ Fr. Ken**

**Old Business**

1. **October meeting minutes**
  - a. The minutes were reviewed and approval
2. **Oxtoberfest recap**
  - a. **\$2,000 more than last year (Net \$12,672)**
  - b. Expenses from dinner, food supplies, etc
  - c. **No decision for what the money is going to be used for**
    - i. Suggestions include kitchen sinks, outside shed, sidewalk, etc.
    - ii. New Monstrance suggested as present one is not St Lukes
  - d. **Additional notes:**
    - i. family friendly/kids activities and menu was an improvement
    - ii. volunteer check-in helpful
    - iii. Shani Wahl will co-chair next year, 2020
3. **Tithe of the tithe**
  - a. **Decided at Feb and March 2019 Parish Council**
    - i. Tithe of the Tithe should continue
    - ii. **Outstanding questions on: donation limits, given monthly or quarterly**
      1. **May be a Tri-Council Decision, with input from chairman of Social Committee (Paul Carlson)**
    - iii. **Recommend to continue to focus on local, but consider larger church community needs**
    - iv. **Social Concerns committee decides where the money goes (10% of the tithing of the church collection, amount is determined by bookkeeper, Annette)**
4. **Tri-Council scheduled Dec 3, 2019; March 3, 2020; June 2, 2020; in the Church/gym**

**New Business**

1. **Fr. Ken Installation December 14th and 15th**
  - a. **No formal reception is necessary**
  - b. **Knights of Columbus breakfast after 8:30 and 10:30 masses**
  - c. **Suggestion for cookies/juice reception after Saturday night mass**
    - i. **Jen Joneson volunteer to chair this effort**
2. **Committee Updates**
  - a. **Social Concerns**
    - i. **Catholic Workers Meal ~ November 23rd**
    - ii. **Tithe of the tithe (listed on Social Concerns Meeting Minutes)**
    - iii. **Family Promise – November 12<sup>th</sup>**



- iv. Winter Apparel Drive – November 16th/17th
  - v. Angel Tree (gift cards instead of gifts) – Distribute Christmas tree tags November 23rd/24th and November 30th/ December 1<sup>st</sup> (look into using Scrip/ connecting with Scrip)
  - vi. Human Trafficking Awareness Seminar~ looking to do this in January
  - vii. Next meeting November 26th
  - b. Liturgy Committee
    - i. Christmas Mass
      - 1. Eve~ 4pm – 2 masses, Fr. Larry gym & Fr. Ken in church (children's mass) ~ 6:30 pm ~ 10 pm
      - 2. Day ~ 9 am
      - 3. Choir practices to prepare
    - ii. Thanksgiving mass at 9 am
    - iii. Immaculate Conception December 9th 6pm (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
  - c. Welcome Committee
    - i. 50+ e-mails about ambassador program
    - ii. welcome 1-2 new families weekly and need support
3. Fr. Ken's corner
- a. Tri-Council scheduled
    - i. send e-mail to Fr. Ken to build agenda
  - b. Update for school
    - 1. Open House this weekend
      - a. 60 kids Fr. Ken goal
    - 2. Kitchen leader moving on to a new position
    - 3. Interview/offer of position tomorrow
    - 4. Plenty of volunteers to help out
  - c. Building Project
    - i. Plus 1 letters ready (add 1 more year to current donation)
    - ii. Fr. Ken is very hopeful and positive
  - d. Misty and Fr. Ken currently working on budget for next year
    - i. \*\*\*we are ahead of budget year to date\*\*\*
    - ii. Future expenses for the year to bring budget back to even
  - e. Tithing down last year (almost \$50,000 from last year) but is coming back up
  - f. Fr. Ken's homily on giving/money had mostly positive responses. Will continue with:
    - i. quarterly update in bulletin
    - ii. tithing in bulletin
    - iii. homily on giving twice a year
  - g. Noise level of church discussed. May add sound foam under pews
  - h. Land Update
    - i. Contracts are being delivered
    - ii. giving up 7 acres to the north, trading for 5 acres to the west and selling 2 acres
      - 1. Money from sale will be placed into an emergency fund ( for example if furnace or air conditioner needs to be replaced)
      - 2. Approximately \$50,000 from the sale
      - 3. Current campus is 35 acres~ will end up with 33 acres



4. **Prayer Chain – explained by Dana**
5. **Vicki update - Dana is helping/volunteering in the office while Vicki is on maternity leave**
6. **The Welcome Committee may incorporate the duties of the past Stewardship committee into their work**
7. **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tonya and seconded by Gary**

**Closing Prayer~ Fr. Ken**

**Next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Respectfully submitted by Judy Jones, parish council secretary

Meeting Summary for the Bulletin and Website:

The Parish Council met on November 14, 2019. A recap of the successful Oxtoberfest was shared. Positive feedback was received and a great time was had by all! Fr. Ken outlined the current Tithe of the Tithe program and community giving. An update from the Social Concerns Committee shows many events planned. Much planning is also being done by the Liturgy Committee for the upcoming Advent season. Future efforts being done by the Welcome Committee was shared as well. Fr. Ken provided updates concerning the school and building proposal as well as the land proposal. Everyone is looking forward to a blessed Christmas season.