

**Church of the Divine Child Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 16, 2017**

**Present:**

Fr. Jim Bilot – Pastor  
Steve Gibb – President  
Ernie Bridgnanan – Vice President  
Reps at Large: - Frank Corak, Pamela Szpytman, Frank Neal, Margy Van Houten, Gordon Brooks

Beth Stawasz Donovan – Christian Service  
Tess Noonan & Marti Biscaro – Education  
Jodi Ann Micallef – Worship  
Marilyn O'Brien – Communication

**Absent:**

Fr. John Kopson - Associate Pastor

*Meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. with prayer lead by Fr. Jim  
October meeting minutes approved by Frank Neal and Margy Van Houten*

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**Christian Service:** Report provided by Beth Stawasz

1. Capuchin bake sale coming up Feb 25/26. Asking RCIA members to help with the bake sale after the Masses.
2. Organizing more hands-on activities for parish and coordinate with the schools.
3. See church website for full report.

**Worship Commission:** No December meeting, therefore no report. Jodi Ann Micallef

**Education Commission:** Report provided by Tess Noonan & Marti Biscaro

1. 6-parish committee would like to rotate churches and have a Faith Formation Night once a month. St. Genevieve hosting an event with Fr. Leo, "Grace Before Meals." DC rectory has tickets. \$5 each.
2. Woman's Faith formation event called "Warming our Hearts." Friday, Feb 10 with Magic Carpet Theatre.
3. Looking to post an opening for a middle school youth minister very soon.
4. See church website for full report.

**Communication Commission:** Report provided by Marilyn O'Brien

1. New bulletin publisher. Full color and paper quality is thicker.
2. 29 kids turned in a drawing for the Christmas card. Three other drawings were selected for the Christmas season.
3. See church website for full report.

**Finance/ Stewardship:** Report provided by Fr. James Bilot

1. There was a water main break in the pearly gates, after Christmas, which was close to a very large electrical transformer. Dearborn Water Department and our contractors did an outstanding job helping us through this very tedious problem. Approximately \$25,000 to repair.
2. 2017-18 tuition rates went up 2%.
3. Financial statement should have been posted in the bulletin back in the fall 2016. We have approximately 5 million in savings.

**REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE**

**Nothing from the reps at this time.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Nothing at this time.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Spring Ministry Breakfast – Saturday, April 29. Boy Scouts will provide food. Parish Council volunteers are needed for this event.
2. Meet & Greet is beneficial twice a year. Once a year is too little.
3. Andrea Fitzgerald typed up a list of social events for Young Adult Group. Have these once a month, on Saturday. Go to 4:30pm Mass then head to the social event. Ages 22-40 or 18-35?
4. Parish Council, as a group, what do we want to be. All agreed to keep doing what we are doing. Most of the work is being done in the commissions. Once a month meetings are going well.
5. Reps at large need to be actively involved in the parish community and then report back to Parish Council. Listen to the parish members. Pictures need to be posted on our website and bulletin boards. Marilyn needs to follow-up with photos.
6. Since the Amazing Parish, Fr. Jim has a Pastoral Team: Fr. Jim, Fr. John, Matt Simpson, Dawn Dwyer and Jodi Ann Micallef. We also have a Leadership Team which consists of staff from the Parish, both schools, Advancement and Maintenance.
7. Need to post articles in the bulletin for both Parish Council Secretary and Youth Rep. Names will be drawn on February 12 at 10am Mass.

**PASTORAL COMMENTS**

**Nothing at this time.**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. closing with a prayer by Fr. Jim.*

*Next Meeting: February 20, 2017*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marilyn O'Brien*