

**Church of the Divine Child Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
High School Conference Room  
March 20, 2017**

**Present:**

Fr. James Bilot – Pastor

Fr. John Kopson – Associate Pastor

Steve Gibb – President

Pamela Szpytman – Secretary

Beth Stawasz – Christian Service

Marilyn O’Brien – Communication

Marti Biscaro – Education

Gordon Brooks, Frank Corak, Frank Neal – Representatives at Large

John Balash, Camryn Pieknik – Youth Representatives

**Absent:** Ernie Bridgnanan, Jodi Ann Micallef, Tess, Noonan, Margaret Van Houten

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm and opened with a prayer by Fr. Bilot.

February meeting minutes corrected: Christian Service St. Pat’s Senior Meal will be served on June 24, not March 24. Corrected minutes approved by Gordon Brooks and Frank Neal.

**Commission Reports:**

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

1. Some Christian Service drives in the High School and Elementary School can be consolidated.
2. Goal: Do more Right to Life activities with the High School.

**Communication:** Marilyn O’Brien stated no new information at this time.

**Education:** Report given by Marti Biscaro

1. April 24, at 7pm in Gathering Room – Angela Hospice faith formation “Hospice 101”.

**Worship:** No report

**Finance/Sterwardship:** Reported given by Fr. Bilot

1. No meeting in March
2. Tuition set for 2017/2018 year in January
3. Next meeting in May, will review and set parish budget for 2017/2018 year.

### **Pulse of the Parish**

1. Name tags have been ordered.
2. Will not meet in April because of Easter. Next opportunity to greet parishioners is May.
3. Need to improve table presentation with table cloth, clear signage etc.
4. Discussion and agreement to broaden the goal from collecting parishioner questions/comments, to also include presentation of parish information.
5. Agreement to change name to "Parish Ambassador" program.

### **Representatives at Large Report:**

1. New cushions for handicapped pews.
2. Add handicapped seating in back of church near restrooms.

### **Youth Representatives Report:**

1. John Balash – Music at High School Masses.
  - Music tends to be a choir performance rather than communal. Increase prep of music with congregation, especially the changing standard hymns (like the Gloria etc.), with goal of increasing student participation.
  - Goal to have traditional hymns, Praise and Worship hymns and all types of music to appeal to everyone.

### **Old Business:**

1. Meet and Greet New Parishioners
  - May 15 at 7pm
  - Marilyn will send invitations and organize volunteers

### **New Business:**

1. Ministry Breakfast – May 6, attend 8:30am Mass, breakfast following.
2. Andrea Fitzgerald is starting a Business Networking Group
  - First meeting March 30, 8:15 – 9:00am, at Leon's Restaurant.
  - Alumni, parents, parishioners, friends and family members welcome.

Closing prayer led by Fr. Kopson, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next meeting: June 19, 2017 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Szpytman, secretary