

St. Andrew Parish Pastoral Council Minutes of the 9/22/14 Meeting

Present: Father Rob Waller, Pastor; Carolyn Potter, Vice-President; Pat Meisner, Secretary; Ray Lamping, Melinda Wagner and Brian Sullivan, Members; Jon Soellner, St. Andrew Parish Business Manager

Absent: Andy Hofmann, President; Kristin Woodard, Member

The meeting began at 7:35 with a prayer led by Carolyn Potter, who chaired this gathering of the St. Andrew Parish Pastoral Council.

The meeting agenda and minutes of the 5/19/14 meeting were previously e-mailed to the membership.

A parish financial report was presented by Jon, who distributed a handout listing data for Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2014 in the areas of Total Parish Income (Actual), Total Parish Expenses (Actual), Income vs. Expenses, Accounts and CD's. St. Andrew is using the Parish Soft program, as required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for all parishes. The following was noted:

- The 2013 Net Increase in Fund Balance under the category of Income vs. Expenses includes money raised for the 2013 Windows RTS (Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes) project that was not paid out until Fiscal 2014. The 2014 Net Decrease in Fund Balance under the category of Income vs. Expenses reflects money paid out for the 2013 Windows RTS project that created an initial deficit in Fiscal 2014. Note: The windows are paid in full.
- Severe winter weather was cited as a probable reason for a decline in Sunday collections and Bingo proceeds in Fiscal 2014.
- The Easter collection was up significantly in Fiscal 2014.
- No bequests received through The Legacy of Loaves were received in Fiscal 2014. In 2013, \$18,000 was received by the parish through bequests.
- A small amount was added to the Reserve Maintenance CD set up by St. Andrew with the Archdiocese.
- The Education Endowment CD assists families in need.

Jon reported that St. Andrew Parish has no long term debt. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati reviewed Fiscal 2013 and Fiscal 2014, concluding that everything is in good order.

Father Rob provided the following information:

- The annual Catholic Ministries Appeal will begin in January 2015.
- The parish Reverse Tithing Sweepstakes is scheduled for later in the spring of 2015.
- St. Andrew's participation in the \$130 million capital campaign of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will begin in December 2014. Our parish goal is \$940,000. 20% of

everything contributed by parishioners of St. Andrew Parish will be returned to St. Andrew for a "local parish project." The capital campaign goals are: \$65 million - Catholic School Education; \$26 million - Local Parish Projects (the 20% returned to the parishes); \$16 million - Fostering Vocations; \$13 million - Caring for Retired Diocesan Priests; \$10 million - Catholic Charities and Social Service.

Next, Ray Lamping reported on the work of the Pastoral Region Coordinating Committee. Copies of the document "*Joint and Shared Ministries St. Andrew Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish*" were passed out. The information was last updated on 9/15/14. The Parish Pastoral Region Coordinating Committee is also working to organize ideas, thoughts and suggestions for a mass schedule for our Pastoral Region. A handout listing many options was passed out and discussed. The Pastoral Region Coordinating Committee gave consideration to attendance reported in the October 2013 count and the possibilities of having one priest or one priest with one additional priest regularly available when preparing a list of schedules for consideration. Options for scheduling weekday, holy day, nursing/retirement homes, Christmas and Easter masses were also listed. (At this time it is anticipated that the full implementation of the Pastoral Region will take place during the summer of 2017.) Ray requested that members of the Parish Pastoral Council e-mail additional thoughts and ideas to him.

Due to time constraints, further review and discussion of the Vibrant Church document will take place at a future meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 with a prayer of blessing by Father Rob.

Recorder: Pat Meisner, Secretary