

St. Mary's Church PPC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Started at 1:47 PM Summit Leadership Meeting Room

This is the January meeting which was cancelled because of snow. It followed a retreat.

Opening Prayer – Lucia Jank

Finance – (Mike Thomas) Finances are in good shape as we start second half of year. Surplus of \$47,000 from budget. The first half of year is generally better than second half of year in terms of collections. We are looking at cash on hand, \$700,000, because of all the different accounts held in trust. Liabilities taken out leaves \$300,000. We have right now \$400,000 which includes a bequest. We do have money for some important projects: paving, telephone system, security doors in school, acoustics in church.

Our biggest challenge is to create a vision for the future. I said this at the parish family meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

It is a primitive accounting system that comes from the diocese. The statement passed out at meeting does not show cash on hand.

Discussion on school enrollment, new principal, sisters in the school.

Pastor's Report

Cathedral tickets – 10: Leila, Stephanie, John/Janice (who it turns out cannot attend)

Art and Environment Coordinator needed. Patty retired after 3 years.

Valentines Dance. Encourage participation and attend.

Need rep for Catholic Charities of Diocese of Knoxville for the Board of Trustees.

My Parish App

Lucia: ready to train groups. Need young people to assist (Stephanie Swanson) February 20 is the launch date.

Church Mobilization Network

Joe Maile: once a month mentors needed in public schools through Summit.

New Business:

Leila: Melting Pot is in need of volunteers to serve lunches weekdays. It is a homeless ministry at Munsey Methodist from 11 AM until 12 noon. Father Pete says that St. Mary's has two groups. The first Friday of the month there are more than enough volunteers from St. Mary's. Leila will seek more information.

John: Update parish database through Pam Nimrick's suggestion. Give out form during Mass at two consecutive weekends. Have them filled out and collected. Father Pete thinks that the best time to do these updates is in September when the new school/CFF/Youth year begins. It is also after the summer when families often move in. The form will be forwarded to all PPC members for review and input. To be completed in two months.

Nancy: suggestion to adopt a college student. Father said that in the last 6 ½ years, many attempts to minister to college age and young adults, have been launched only to languish or fail. It is difficult to keep them committed and the ministry going. ETSU Catholic ministry exists as the main place for them to be nourished in the faith. Nancy will contact Fr. Bede Aboh, chaplain.

Parish Master Plan

John: PPC is entrusted with moving forward with this. We must provide major data to an architect. It will cost over \$10,000 to get a master plan. We shall follow Diocese of Knoxville policy to move forward with this.

Father Pete will contact a couple of priests who are very good at this and get their guidance.

Announcement

Kim: SMS Auction theme is Cinco de Mayo on May 5th this year. We are starting to solicit donations.