

**St. Gregory Parish
Pastoral Council
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Approved**

Present: Father Tony, Ryan Mueller, Steve Noworatzky, Christine Schoenberger, Tammy Olig, Cecelia DeBruin, Rita Steffen, Jean Blattner, John Blattner, Patty Wilhelm, Deacon Wilhelm, and Allen Dietrich.

Absent: Lisa Schueler and Jackie Egan.

Opening Prayer: Father Tony led the opening prayer at 7:21 p.m.

Public Input: Jean Blattner said there will be a Valentine Day Dance held on February 14th. The dance will be from 6:30 am until 9:00pm and will include face painting, photo booth, wine and cheese bar and prizes.

Reading of November Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes. Motioned by Ryan Mueller and seconded by Christine Schoenberger to approve the minutes.

Finance Council: Allen Dietrich noted contribution from parish envelope holders was down for November. The council discussed options on how to improve contributions. St. Gregory is short \$3,000 on the Bishop Appeal and the council talked about how they can get more parish members to donate. Christine Schoenberger noted scrip sales have been down and what can be done to make people aware of scrip and the benefits it has on our parish.

R.E. Report: Patty Wilhelm said the RE students collected money that will be donated to First Responders. They will use the money to purchase teddy bears to give to children in traumatic situations. Four RE students did bell ringing at Walgreens during the holidays.

Outreach: Rita Steffen noted the Caring Hearts & Hands group made gifts for toddlers to be handed out before Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. The RE students received gifts at the Advent Celebration and RE teachers received an appreciation pizza dinner. The group also made cookies for nursing home parishioners & shut-ins. The Caring Hearts & Hands next meeting is January 13, at 1pm.

Worship: Rita Steffen reported the Worship Committee met in November and started planning the January 2nd Feast day and the January 5th mass with the Bishop.

Update on Facilities/Projects: Allen Dietrich shared notes for the December Maintenance meeting. Mannenbach Mechanical will be installing one additional thermostat for the choir loft and reconfiguring control of main entry heater, to prevent possible freeze up in extremely low temperatures. The main entry heater is not working properly and options to improve this will be discussed during the next meeting. They are waiting on a quote from Braun on repairing the original garbage disposal. Professional Supply has measured entryway mats and they are still waiting for a quote. The east circulation pump, in church, needs a coupling replaced. The council discussed purchasing 20 new folding chairs for overflow seating in church. The chairs are \$20 each plus shipping. The purchase of these chairs could be put in the legacy effort. Christine Schoenberger suggested parish members can purchase a chair "In Memory" of a family member.

Remarks from Father Tony: Father Tony said the January 2nd feast day will have a procession from Holy Resurrection Monastery to St. Gregory Parish. After Mass there will be a social in the Parish Center. The Bishop will be attending the January 5th mass to bless the Adoration Chapel and Reconciliation Room. There will be a dinner at Meat's Opera House after mass.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21st at 7:15pm.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Gary led the closing prayer at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Ryan Mueller