

**St. Rita Pastoral Council
January 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Council Members Present

Fr. Tom Helfrich	Jan Strait	Patty Strait	Jerry McDevitt
Deacon Chris Vida	Sue Leu	Doug Leu	
Andrew Brieschke (chair)			
Josephine Hones (secretary)			

A. Opening Prayer

Jan Strait read the opening prayer.

B. Continuing Formation for Council Members

Fr. Tom and Deacon Chris took the group on a tour of the church to see the renovation work that was started this week.

C. Approval of Minutes for the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved with revisions.

D. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted. "Unfinished Business" will be changed to "Old/Unfinished Business".

E. Old/Unfinished Business

Fr. Tom will meet with selected parishioners to follow up on the issue of church security.

Goal 1 Youth – Michelle Bellfy, leader, was not present.

A report from Louanna was read stating that Leslee Hartford is the new Director of Youth and Family Life Ministry. Leslee will work with Mitch Hardcastle. The Youth Group will join with Our Lady of Fatima for some activities. Leslee plans to use group texting and google notification to contact our parish youth. There is a hope for more regional youth group activities.

Goal 2 Prayer - Ann O'Neill, leader, was not present.

No report.

Goal 3 Faith Formation and Education – Phil Ruede, leader, was not present.

No report.

Goal 4 Evangelization – Sue Leu, leader

- St. Rita's welcomed 43 new families during 2017; another four families have since shown interest in becoming parishioners.
- The newly organized Mothers' Group is has had an exciting start. Deacon Chris said they should contact him about a link on the Parish website.
- There have been many positive comments about the "Catholics Come Home" advertisements. The diocese has plans to continue the campaign, especially targeting specific age groups (20-30 year olds) in the future.
- Brad Brezinski has offered to help with parish technology.

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Goal 5 Social Justice and Outreach – Joan Gaughan, leader, was not present.
No report.

Goal 6 Community – Elaine Hassett, leader, was not present.
Sue reported for Elaine. The last euchre party was enjoyed by 26 people. There have been inquiries to another one; February 9 is a possible date. It was discussed whether to make it a monthly event. Sue will contact Elaine. Jeanne needs to be informed to put it on the parish calendar if another euchre event is planned.

Goal 7 Stewardship – Jan Strait, leader.
The National Stewardship Conference is October 28-31 in Nashville. Jan is contacting that organization for a speaker for our pastoral council. He is also considering a “Stewardship Fair” for the parish. Stewardship is defined as sharing your time, talent and treasure...basically, it is a way of life.

F. New Business

Jan had trouble contacting ushers for a recent funeral of a fellow usher. Jan discovered that there is no master list of ushers; he has created one to post on the board in the ushers’ room. Since greeters are sometimes sporadic, Jan will also make a master list of greeters.

G. Informational Reports for our Pastor and Deacon

Deacon Chris

- Deacon Chris stated there was an Arise meeting; what program will follow?
- Jennifer is posting the parish renovations on Facebook.

Fr. Tom

- Fr. Tom stated that stewardship has been shown in our participation in “Witness to Hope”.
- The DSA will be presented in the spring.
- Fr. Tom still has 50/50 tickets available until the end of the month.
- A student from Lumen Christi speak at Masses about Catholic Schools Week.
- Fr. Tom, and others, are excited that the church renovation has begun.

H. Preparation for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7pm.

Andrew Brieschke will chair the meeting. Sue Leu will lead us in prayer.

Please Note: Future PC dates are established as March 13 and April 10.

I. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Tom