

**St. Ambrose of Woodbury
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**

Present: Fr. Stan Mader, Fr. Michael McClellan, Wayne Honeyman, Erin French, Greg Hereford, Yvonne Eggert, Gary Maki, Dan Janochoski, Sharon D'Agostino, Lynn Nolan, Therese Krug

Opening Prayer, Scripture Reading & Reflection

Approval of Minutes: Motion approval by Wayne Honeyman and seconded by Therese Krug

Docket: none

Finance update - Greg:

- Overall parish finances continue to look positive. To date, we are slightly behind budget but ahead of last year.
- Program expenses continue to run well below budget.
- Finance committee continues to discuss loan repayment strategies.
- The proposed 2017-2018 parish budget was presented and passed by the finance committee.

Facilities update – Greg:

- There are two major projects that will be taking place this summer. The first is the parking lot replacement and the second is the four roof top units for ECEC.

Liaison report:

Discussion on our top priorities:

- Engage more people – by increasing stewardship, numbers at masses and number of people in programs along with volunteers. Ways we hope to engage are through the fall festival, the parish magazine and the neighborhood groups.
- Make a large parish feel small.
- SMART: specific, measurable, attainable and agreed upon, realistic, timely.
- Suggestions for stewardship include: making specific needs know, notes in bulletin on what we spend on items, an app to fill some of our bigger needs, utilities / fuel envelope, communicate needs throughout the year.

Fr. Stan's Report:

- Stewardship discussion
- Update on the parish festival
- Parish magazine update
- Communications position candidates still being considered
- Leadership meeting will be moved from May 6th to a later date
- Men's club looking for other projects for the group to do. Dan will follow up with the group.
- Fr. Stan will be celebrating his 25th anniversary at the end of May. A celebration will be held after 4:00 mass on June 10th at St. Ambrose.
- Holy week reflections from Fr. Stan had many beautiful moments.

Fr. Michael's Report:

- 40 hour devotion well very well.
- Perhaps for next year, we should highlight it more, have the last day be a Sunday so we can enjoy and celebrate it more.

New Parishioner Brunch:

- May 21st & June 25th beginning at noon.

Meetings: July 19th at 6:00 - Dan's home

Closing prayer