Pastoral Council Minutes: November 15, 2018

**Members present**: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt, Deacon Richard Quistorff, Lori Curtis, Ann Scheidecker, Adam Holzer, Nick Murdock, Heidi Kalina, Mark Halbakken, Al Schumacher, Eileen Westland and Carol Schmitz.

Fr. Matthew led in prayer.

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

**Agenda approved by general consensus**.

**Minutes corrected, then approved by general consensus**.

**Financial Summary**: Budget is at 33%, Income at 34.61%, adult giving is down and expenditures are at 35.48%.

**Formation**:

Parish Staff collected commitment pledges and are looking at sending out a mailing, as a follow up, to thank all donors or make a phone call, causing positive reinforcement.

School expansion: Met with Hal Johnson and will get promotional materials to send out in December sometime. Will keep the cost below 8 million. Goal - Start digging in the Spring.

Area Catholic Communities: Looking for feedback to share with the Bishop. Is this the right cluster for our area? Does the "circle" make sense? Are we hearing any pros/cons from the community? Remember, we are ALL Catholics, no matter the outcome! January 30th - priests will meet - change is a necessity.

**Pastoral Plan**:

Discipleship #3 – line C was changed. Signatures collected by all present.

**New Business**:

Hiring of a new DRE (Director of Religious Education): The current DRE, Mary Kerekes, will be retiring at the end of April 2019. Do we want to combine the DRE and Youth Adm. into one full time position?

Lenten Mission: Glen Gauer will lead this mission, one night at each parish, March 10-13, 2019. Each parish will work on hospitality by helping the other parishes on their night.

Future events were reviewed.

Deacon Richard led in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned and we proceeded to tour the pre-school.

Next meeting: December 20th, 2018