

Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2017

Present: Father Prakash, John Bacon, Tracy Hartley, Dan Lay, Steve Scalzo, Philip Stramski and Joe Tytanic. **Absent:** Glenn Mayko and Landon Santa-Pinter

Joe Tytanic asked for visitors to refrain from commenting as visitors will have an opportunity to comment on items discussed at end of meeting and then he read off the Agenda items for members and visitors.

Call to Order: Joe Tytanic called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for silence of cell phones.

Opening Prayer: Joe Tytanic

Approval/Changes of meeting minutes: No changes to December meeting and December Emergency meeting minutes. Philip made motion to accept. Steve second. All agreed. Motion carried by all.

Old Business:

Church Projects/Repair Update: John Bacon. Changed light bulbs to LED in Rectory and Church and north/south entrances in Family Center. Water leak between the RE and Hall – Fixed. Bushes around the Church and Rectory trimmed by Joe and Kevin. Transplanted trees that were in front of the RE to make room for the playground installation and they are starting to bloom. Electrical problems heat system in church and Father’s house – fixed. Security lights fixed by OG&E. AJ built a fake floor for the choir to set new piano on. Nice job AJ. Bug sprayers were there in the middle of January. Had a good Elvis show. Floor AJ built – we had to take part of the risers out, move them up and built a big platform for piano to sit. Really nice. Looks really good. Philip asked if there was enough room. Joe said yes. He plays both instruments – some with new piano, some as organ and also utilizes old organ. Old organ still runs through the sound system/speakers. New instrument has two speakers so it is not running through the sound system. Still think that is loud enough. It is not running through any speakers other than the two built-in speakers. Dan commented that the choir does not prefer to get rid of the old organ. Joe talked with Starla, Ben - the organ player, and Father. Ben wants to take organ lessons. He wants to play the old organ. He can play it now, but there is a whole set of keys to play with your feet and you have to wear special shoes and he does not have those yet. Always planned on keeping the organ for future.

Playground Equipment: Steve Scalzo. The company has received the playground equipment and it is in storage. February was a no go for dates. March was open but we told them we need meeting to put together a crew. They have March 18th and April 1st available. Hopefully, the weather will be good and we have a crew of, at least, eight to nine people. The dates are not set in stone. It depends on putting together a team. In addition to that, we still have some things that are necessary. They provide the skid steer with the auger to make holes and cement mixer. But we have to supply concrete. We have to put out 52 bags of the 80 lbs or 70 bags of the 60 lbs. We have a whole list of tools that people have to

bring – tape measures, hammers, shovels, string for layout, stakes. Steve has list. Easier if have ½ in electric impact drivers, drills, ratchets, sockets, battery-operated tools. We just need to decide which day and call around to some folks and put forth dates. Only working for Saturdays. Mentioned about doing it over two days. Depends on how short the days are. When days get longer and weather warmer, maybe not. He will come out one day prior to set holes. That was if they were going to do that in January. But, we may be able to get it all done in one day now. Joe said it is best to get a date and call people to ask if they can be there that date to see if they are available. Philip said the April 1st is the Men's conference. Tracy said that March 18th is Spring Break. Steve said that he will check. Tracy said some people may not be going out of town. Steve said we will shoot for March 18th. Tracy suggested checking with youth group or Confirmation kids to see if they need any hours. Joe said that we have an account ACE and Community Hardware. Can pick up items from there. Just sign. It is tax exempt. Philip clarified that it is a one day project. Steve said it is a one day supervised unless days are short and we have enough people. But they said they would stay and supervise into the evening or as long as it would take. Days are getting a little bit longer. They may be willing to come out the day before to do the layout but with the days getting longer, there may not be a need. John stated to that we have the time change. Steve said that not everybody will be able to stay the whole day. May have to do a couple of shifts. Philip asked if we have to set the poles in concrete and allow time to set. Steve said he does not think that would be an issue. That is what they do. He has done where you just pour in the dry concrete and do not mix. Tamp it down. The moisture from the ground will harden the concrete. Tracy said that if we pick date, we can send flyers home during RE since it is for the kids. Steve is ok will calling people. Tracy said that the more you can get and maybe with multiple shifts. Jeff Brzozowski had said that he would help. He was going to help get fencing. Quotes were \$2,000-\$3,000 but he thought he could get for \$1,500. Chain-link. John asked if they furnish wood chips. Steve said yes, they are the engineered wood chips meaning you should not get splinters. Thank you Steve!

Internet/Phone Service: Dan Lay. Going slow. Taking longer than planned. Bigger than anticipated. Try to figure on how to get from building to building. Shawn with Cox Business did not realize how his installer would go about doing it. The installer came out and his suggestion is that we need three lines to each of the buildings and that would have service to each increasing cost. Dan got ahold of our IT guy. He came out and looked at the buildings. There are some CAT 5 lines running in building. They go up to the stage. He looked around and said can do the interior stuff but not sure of running between the buildings either. He said that he cannot find someone to do that for him. At that point, Dan said he then contacted Justin, the electrician, who said he can do that so Dan is going to meet with him next week to see what his thoughts are. Would like to have Joe, John and/or AJ there – someone who knows the grounds – just in case. We can then get a bid to trench out. Once it is trenched out, he can lay CAT 5 and conduit underground. Need conduit because gophers, etc., like to chew on wire. Justin can do that. After that, Cox can install in the Rectory and then lines run it out. Do not want to have Cox install in the Rectory because then we would turn ATT off and would not have for the other buildings. We need to coordinate for the same time. Steve asked if you have to trench it. Cox used to just bury the cable. Now they bury in conduit and it is in a spool and they have a submarine thing that drops it in. Don't really trench it. Dan said it does not have to be deep. But has to be underground in conduit. But Cox does not do that unless we have three separate lines to three buildings. We are having them only

go to the Rectory. Steve commented he just was inquiring on how it was going to be done. Joe said that Justin would trench and lay the conduit because he probably would not have a machine-like Cox. Steve said Cox has contractors and you can hire that contractor. We could hire him so we don't have that mess. Joe said that they are going to have to bore underneath sidewalks and then when we tie in to Family Center have to saw-cut the sidewalk to go in and up the wall and pour cement. That makes a difference. If Justin cannot do that, we can contact Stan's people who can trench and do sprinkler systems. They trenched electric out front. Justin ran the line. Philip said that we are in March already. What would be the issue to postpone to get RE done and so nothing interfered with and no programs being affected, maybe more towards May when it is summer. Dan said there would not really be an interference done. The trenching could be done, line laid and available. Once it is laid down, then the Cox guy can install equipment in to the Rectory. Then Michael, our IT guy, can come in and make connection in the end. That could be done today. Joe asked if we are looking at Rectory and then going to the RE building and then Family Center? Dan said that would be something he would ask the Cox guys if Justin says he can do this work and if his recommendation is to go there or bring it over to the Rectory or to the RE building. RE building is more efficient, central. Joe said we discussed that we are going to throw a phone line in there because if we go to Cox, we use Cox phonelines. Dan and Joe discussed about having a phone in the nursery, the concern raised there. We had discussed at least having a cell phone over there because any cell phone will call 911. We could use a cell phone over there instead of a line. If we do run the lines, we should go ahead with adding the line. We do have phone lines in the back but they are ATT – they are not Cox. Cox cannot use them. They would have to bore underneath that whole parking lot. Dan said that once he finds anything out from Justin, he will send out to everybody. Tracy said that Kelly has not been able to utilize anything but she has been trying to use her phone as a hotspot to run some of her programs. But that buffers quite a bit because she does not get good cell reception in there. We have had some issues with it running slow and that is not everybody using it yet. Just wanted to provide an update on the current situations. We have used some things and those works really well. Other times, when watching videos, it runs slow. Joe said we can discuss with Father and, if Council agrees, can always contact ATT and bump up our internet service. There are no issues with the Rectory. We can bump up to a higher speed for this school year with ATT if Council agrees. Then, when we get the other done, we can go to Cox – if the Council agrees. Tracy suggests that if it is going to take awhile as we are already two months in, that if it is going to take the rest of the school year then we bump up the speed. If it is something we think might happen during the month of March, then there is not a need to do that. But, if it is something that is going to be prolonged to the summer time, suggest we do that. Wish there was some way for us to have an extender or something we can throw over to the youth room from ATT so Kelly can at least have something. She sees it, but it is not strong enough to pick up. Philip asked if we have a contract with ATT or just service. Joe said that we have service for phone and U-Verse at the Rectory and RE. We could bump it up. He got quotes when we did the bids. Main thing that Dan and Joe talked about is to do it right. Do not want to rush in to it and throw anything out there just to get it done and have the capability to upgrade in the future. Dan said that he can talk with Michael to see if there is some sort of range extender available. Tracy said that would be good – if he would know of anything we can use to get down in to the youth room. There are some programs that she would like to interface with other churches/youth groups similar to the concurrent classes where they can all have discussions on certain topics and she cannot do

that at this time. Joe asked that Dan let him know what Michael says and if it would be a good idea to bump up if that would help or do the extender. Tracy asked if we had the lowest amount right now and we could try bumping it up a little more in the RE building. We really were not using it before. Joe confirmed we were at the lowest amount. Tracy said that she has an extender in her house to throw out the signal further. Maybe if we can put on the south wall of the youth center, it might throw that signal a little further so they can get the signal and better way of picking it up. Joe asked Dan to contact Micheal. Tracy suggest then we wait for Dan to find out something this month and then we can discuss extenders, upping the service, in the interim. Dan said that once they can assess the work schedule next week, and once that done we would just have to contact Cox to arrange a time and date. At best, it would be two weeks. Joe asked if Cox ever gave Dan a final price. Dan said they did. Joe said he remembered they gave a final bid but that was to not run wiring, etc. Dan said that was correct and we are not having them do that – we don't want them to do that because we don't want lines running to each of the buildings and having separate services just to get three buildings. We are having other people do a couple of additional things to get it all set. Philip asked if we need to think about getting something in this youth room down here. We are already getting in to April and if we wait to meet in April, are we going to go ahead and do something? Dan said that he does not know the cost of the extenders but we can call Michael next week. Tracy interjected to say the first thing is to see if the extender would even work. Dan agreed because of the distance and concrete cinder blocks, it may not even work. Tracy suggests again that if he says it will work, and it take a month for the other, that we go ahead and get the extender if it is a reasonable amount until the other is complete. She is not aware if upping the service will help push that out further. Dan said that should only help with the download speed not distance. Tracy said that you may not have as much buffering. You would think that if you are extending it out, you may want a higher download speed. Dan confirmed that extender will not get you the range, just download speed. Joe mentioned again what Philip asked regarding discussion that if Dan gets bid next week from Justin, he can text out to everybody and we can decide. If it is a reasonable bid and he does good work, no need to wait until the April meeting to schedule it. Dan does not think so and Tracy agreed. Dan said that the main thing is the line has to be run. Steve is in agreement too. All agreed. Thank you Dan!

New Business

Budget items for 2017/2018: Council.

Joe asked if everyone had brought a list. Tracy asked if he was talking about other things than what was outstanding. Dan said he did not have any personally other than what was outstanding. Joe said he brought new items. Picnic tables. Something we made mention, especially with the playground equipment, might put a picnic table underneath the tree for parents to be able to watch their kids and maybe get another one. Another item, soundproofing the walls in the Youth Center. Putting more soundproofing on the walls. Also, new projector in Family Center. We had issues ever since we first had it. In his opinion, think it would be better for the church to have a reliable system and have in put in by the folks that put in our sound system and put in a good projector. We did for the Helen Mayer wake the other day. He met one of the family members up here and tried to start it up. Would not go to the

screen, restarted and it finally worked. It works but we have issues with it. For our priest, maybe a small greenhouse or something by the rectory. If Father is interested in that. If not, we can look at it a different time. Steve asked what do you call "small". Joe said maybe an 8'x12' or something like that. Steve said at the lawn and garden, they have some nice ones for about \$3k. Only thing you really have to do is hook up the heat. The electric is all in there for that price. Joe said another item but may not be for this is the signs around town. They are discolored. He talked to Carol's Signs. They are the ones we purchased from. She said that all the signs do that; Nothing they can do for that. Only thing they can do is sell new signs. Did not really like that answer and response because they are metal and I thought they would last but they are getting dark like some type of discoloration on them. Something may want to look at. But may not want to go back to them if we cannot get a guarantee because I asked her if we buy new signs, this is going to do the same thing and she said yes. The company that they get it from it will do this. So, we may want to look at getting a different type of sign. Tracy added that we might look at getting new signs with Mass times. We only have the little ones out front that have the Mass times on there. Maybe we can get a nicer one that has Mass times on there. We talked about doing a brick one with glass/plexiglass and the capability to change out the letters. It could be lit up and we have electricity ran out there. Another item Philip had talked with Father is now that we are having the playground put in, it is an investment if it gets used, an expense if it just sits there. We need to create opportunities for parish functions to have throughout good weather that would attract families to come. And to go along with that, if we had picnics or cook-outs, we need something better to cook out than that little grill we have back here. At Our Lady, they had one of those flat four-burner grills that cost between \$350-\$500 that goes outside. It was nice to have because it let you cook quite a few hamburgers and hot dogs – whatever you wanted to cook on there and was really handy. That is something he wanted to bring to the table. Joe asked for a grill or smoker. Philip said it is just a flat grill. It is open. It is not a covered kind. It is gas. Propane. John did not have anything to really add except maintaining the grounds. RE will need new air conditioners this year. The pews in the church will need to be looked at again. They are falling apart. That is all maintenance. Need to clean carpets again in the Rectory. Waiting for Father to go out of town again so that Joe can get that scheduled. Philip added another item. Literature. Philip has seen new families moving in and would like to put some focus on enhancing our welcoming/greeting ability – have people doing a good job but maybe put together something like a welcoming packet that explains all of our programs, organizations and committees, RE program – everything that is put into a welcoming packet to hand out. Joe said we can discuss that after since this was for the budget but Philip interjected to say this may have expense to put together – printing and putting a pamphlet together may get expensive. Joe agreed. Philip said for the details, we can wait. Steve asked if we still have the welcoming group. He thought at one time, there were some parishioners that would go to people's houses to welcome them to the parish. Joe was not aware that there is any now. Steve said he can remember a couple of people coming out to talk to him at his house. Joe asked if there was anything else for the budget. Tracy said still need to do the RE building with paint and carpet. But those items are already on the project list. Dan has the list on a spread sheet and will add these items. Tracy said she will send to him to add. Rick, at the last meeting, asked Joe to get them a list of these items before their next Finance meeting. Their meeting will be after our April meeting. We can get together. Tracy asked if we will need to re-evaluate our priorities on that list. Joe said that we can do that in April. We can have ready then for Finance meeting in April. Finance

meeting, Joe thinks, is around April 27th. So, our meeting will be at the beginning of April. Tracy just wanted to make sure they were not meeting before our next Parish Council meeting. Joe commented that what Philip was talking about, when he was TDY to other bases, the priest would have visitors stand up to be recognized after the Mass. They could be identified and get with after Mass. Father said we already have greeters before and after Mass and people that go out to talk to new parishioners. Philip said that he was talking more about having information for people to have to go along with that. Thinks we do have group of people that do a good job with that. But adding something to that, more inviting, having something in their hand providing more information about organizations, contact names, phone numbers or email addresses. That would be great

Father's Comments: Father Prakash. Life Touch. They contacted him about doing another directory. They do it every three years. Asking if we were willing to do it again. Tracy asked if it had already been three years. Joe asked who was in charge of organizing it the last time. Joe said he knew choir was in charge one year. Father said last time it was Catholic Daughters. John Bacon ok with doing directory. Philip – with new faces and needing upgrade. Almost seems soon. Changes, several new faces and several deaths. OK. Tracy – OK. Dan – OK. Steve – OK; Joe- OK if we can get an organization to handle and take charge. It is a huge job. If one of the organizations would take over. Need to make sure -no pressure sales. Did last time with no pressure sales. Didn't have some that did not come because of the time before and the pressure to purchase. Father said this last time was ok. Tracy said that last time, they only hit one weekend. It was for two weeks but one weekend. And with people working, it is hard to make a lot of the appointments. Father will contact an organization. Father said yes. Philip asked when we were looking at doing this. Father said they will let us know their available weekend this year. Joe suggested to not have during the summer months. Need to have when school back in session, like September.

Holidays and vacation was good. Construction of Community Hall is not completed. The ground floor is not completed. His Bishop, present, retired and friend Bishop were there to bless it even though it isn't completed. Also, able to coincide with his Jubilee Celebration. Priests were there and people are happy to have facility. People from village came. Joe asked if they were able to utilize yet. Father said not yet. Tracy asked Father about the electronic paying collection, if the ever got back with him on that. Father said they did not. Believe it was after the deadline before we were able to respond. It was part of the pilot project and they did not contact him.

Visitor Comments:

AJ said he knew of a person who couldn't get WIFI to go to his shop. He put up a little antennae. Does not know anything else about it. Tracy commented that was probably an extender. May have to have from over in the RE and then antennae to a window. There is windows on the south side. Also, AJ suggested running the directory every five year. Joe said he did not know how long they were running between each one prior. AJ and Tracy both said they thought it was about 10 years. Did one in '01, '04, '10. Joe said we did one with Father Loth, two with Father Lucas. Steve said one with Father James. Did one with Father Prakash. Both McCloud and Harrah in one directory. Tracy asked if there is a cost – we know if you buy – but no cost to the church. Father confirmed there was not. They were free to

parishioners. Photos cost to people that one to purchase. Just have to get dressed up and come out. Philip pointed out again that there has been a number of changes over the last three years. Tracy said that if we wait and do it towards the fall, then it will be about four years.

Mission Preaching – March 11th-14th. 11th/12th covering Masses. 13th/14th 6:30-7:30 pm all will be in the church. Father will be going to cover his Masses at St. James, Oklahoma City. He will be preaching during the Masses.

Confessions – Wednesday, April 5th. This time, Father is combining RE students and adults. That way, parents may come and make confession and bring their children too. Inviting 13 priests who have already responded. Will make use of RE classrooms. So, we will have more priests because he is expecting about 150 altogether. There will not be a Mass; just confessions only. There will be a Mass at McCloud that morning. Lenten season is a different time. Steve mentioned that they use to have a Reconciliation service but you have to get everyone there at the beginning. A lot of people come later and miss service. There is a lot of adults that would like to go when their kids go. We have excluded adults when we started just having RE. But they bring kids up anyway. Use to have on Mondays, but this is a Wednesday during RE. So, we will combine it.

Council Comments:

Joe said that he went to McCloud for Mass and they have a cross that has holes drilled into it and a basket of nails. Father announced that parishioners can go up and nail in to the cross for repentance. Was a pretty neat deal and he wanted to throw out to see if we might consider doing something like that next year. It was a wooden cross that someone made. Steve said it was a nice addition to have and that they have been doing that for a number of years. It is more meaningful – personal to go up and put a nail in the cross.

Next Meeting: Unable to do Thursday, April 6th. Father has meeting at McCloud. Dan wanted to make sure it was before Finance meeting. Philip commented that Wednesday, April 5th is penances. Unable to do April 13th as that is Holy Week and Holy Thursday. We can try for Tuesday, April 4th. RCIA meets on Tuesday but they are in RE Building. All decided that next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00 p.m.** Tracy said as a notice of the change, to put in the bulletin. Tracy and Philip asked if we were doing a dinner on Holy Thursday. Did not think we had dinner last year because it was so late when we got out of church. Use to always have one. They used to have get togethers after midnight Mass. Holy Thursday was a good one to have. Adoration starts after Mass on Holy Thursday. Philip thought we did have it last year. Year before we didn't and they started back up last year. Pat said one year they ordered a lot of meat and because we got out so late, they had so many leftovers. Steve said that it is good fellowship. They normally furnish meats and rest is potluck. Philip suggested that we just do finger foods instead to keep from having so much leftover meat. Steve said there used to be a good turnout on Holy Thursday. Joe asked what time is Mass time. They were earlier before. 7:00 p.m. is a little late. Father said that we need to be able to have people get from work. Tracy said that it is a longer Mass anyway because of the

washing of the feet, etc. Only one Mass at Harrah. Father asked if 6:00 p.m. would be OK? Set for 6:00 p.m. It is not a Holy day of Obligation.

Assignment of Prayer: Glenn Mayko

Closure: John Bacon made a motion to adjourn. Steve Scalzo second. All agreed. Motion carried.

