

**Combined Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
St. Stephen Rectory, January 16, 2019**

Deacon Tim Wren not present.

Opening Prayer

New Business: We welcomed Natalie Toscano (Finance Moderator) to the meeting. Talked about Fr. Poulson's sentencing. Fr. Miller stated to always have courage to speak up.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation: Evelyn Wheeler handed out an update of all the events planned for the Parish and the Diocese that are coming up. It also included the Religious Education update along with the Youth Ministry, and Website update. All information can be found on the Parish Website.

**Catholic Education: School Assessments: Each month, we give:
To VCHS: \$2,000 (St. Joseph) and \$3,167 (St. Stephen) (per month)
To St. Stephen School: \$4,166 (St. Joseph) and \$14,250 (St. Stephen) (per month)**

Total: \$282,996 to the school system. We need to reevaluate these amounts. Catholic Schools Week is coming up with events planned involving, St. Stephen, St. Patrick and Venango Catholic Schools.

Buildings and Grounds: On Jan. 22, at 4:30 at City Hall, the Oil City Zoning Hearing Board will be holding a zoning hearing for the appeal of Emmaus Haven for an interpretation of the ordinance regarding the proposed usage of the property as it relates to its use as a group home.

Fr. Miller handed out a schedule from Building Systems, Inc. with the dates of the Long Range Planning for St. Stephen and St. Joseph Parish.

St. Elizabeth Center, part of St. Joseph Parish, is looking at cutting costs/changing renting agreement (\$6,000/year).

Secondary Churches were discussed. In accordance with Canon Law, the Blessed Sacrament needs to be removed from the Secondary Churches due to the low frequency of Masses.

Closing Prayer

Teresa Felmlee, Secretary