

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council Minutes – April 19, 2018

Members of the St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council met on Thursday April 19, 2018 in the Church Sanctuary for a prayer led by John Sadowski. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by Vice President Karen Creager. Those attending, in addition to Karen included Father Paul Wharton, Henry Bobbin, Buck Byron, Regina Fairchild, Heather Fama, Kolleen Finch, Kathy Lynch and John Sadowski. Charles Bou-Abboud, Jamie Bowen, Bert Cruz, Benita Goode, John Halliwell, Annette Jennings, and Lisa Killmer was absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as emailed.

Committee reviewed the following reports submitted: Knights of Columbus; Liturgy Committee; Ladies of St. Francis; St. Francis de Sales School; Evangelization Committee; and the Education Committee. No Reports received from: Faith Formation/Youth Ministry and Couples for Christ.

Unfinished Business:

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday - March 31st & April 1, 2018 – Regina said the Vigil was beautiful and even though there were more candidates this year it seemed to go smoother. Father Paul it was nice to have three Masses on Easter Sunday.

Encounter, Parish Retreat - Father Paul stated he heard a lot of positive feedback about the presenter and thought it went well, we are hoping to start a follow-up group when Deacon Harry gets back.

Sanctuary Update - Father Paul said we have been given a green light to proceed with the updates, and the first week of May a letter will go out to Parishioners. Over \$300,000 will need to be raised over the next 2 years. Father Paul passed around a photo of what the Sanctuary will look like when finished. He said he is hoping to get a preliminary review of the brochure by this Monday. Father Paul asked... How much did we pay for the H & L building? Kathy said she would make some contacts to find out. Karen asked.. Are we set in stone on the contractor we are using? Father Paul said the committee thought that price was reasonable. Karen then asked if we inquired as to who was setting the tile and should we not get a list of some of their commercial work and go check it out before a final decision was made. John Sadowski said they (New River Trading) had laid his kitchen 2 years ago and nothing had cracked. Karen said there's a difference between residential and commercial. Fr Paul agreed we should take a look at their work. And charged that job to John Sadowski.

Father Paul said he is working on St. Francis getting 100% of the profits from the Catholic Sharing Appeal, because donations are not taxed. John S. asked... when will the work be done? Father Paul said he hopes this year, we will have to get a loan from the Diocese. It will take a couple of months. We will continue to have Mass and the construction will be done in stages.

Election of Pastoral Council (new Members) - Henry said he feels that he is finished. 247 names were turned in for the nominations. Some were duplicated. Father Paul said he would like for the top 20 nominees to be called, informed and invited to the discernment process. Father Paul also stated that he doesn't like the idea of elections for the Pastoral Council, because the process is a discernment process involving the Holy Spirit. Father Paul checked his calendar and said he would like to meet with the nominees on Sunday May 6th at 3:00-4:30pm for a Pastoral Council Orientation/Discernment in the Church Sanctuary.

Update on replacing School Principal and Director of Faith Formation - Father Paul received a letter today stating that Mary Grace Peck has been approved for the Principal position. She will be working on her certificate for administration.

Fish Dinners - Karen was informed by Mark Misco today that the Parish made \$3400 from the Fish Dinners during Lent.

Subcommittee to review/change/update Pastoral By-Laws – Father Paul said this is the third year for the Pastoral Council and we need to take a look and see if there are any changes that need to be made to the By-Laws. Buck, Kathy, Benita and Father Paul volunteered to review and revise By-Laws.

New Business:

Kolleen asked if we could get the Lenten luncheons back up and running. Father Paul and PC members discussed, one suggestion was to have an Open House in the Fall. Maybe start in Fall of 2019 after the Sanctuary updates have been completed. It was stated that maybe this could be something else for the Evangelization Committee to work on.

Kathy said there is a Teens Encounter Christ Movement in Charleston Saturday – Monday.

Comments, Questions, Concerns and Feedback for the Pastor:

Father Paul stated he is happy about Mary Grace taking the Principal position, the PC members concurred. Also, Father Paul reminded the Council that the Bishop would be coming for Confirmation on April 29th. Father Paul stated the Deacon's will be preaching more often.

Kolleen blessed us with sharing her Faith Journey. Father Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.