

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – May 17, 2018

Members of the St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council met on Thursday May 17, 2018 in the Church Sanctuary for a prayer led by Father Paul. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by President Benita Goode. Those attending, in addition to Benita, included Father Paul Wharton, Henry Bobbin, Karen Creager, Bert Cruz, Regina Fairchild, Heather Fama, Kolleen Finch, Annette Jennings, Kathy Lynch and John Sadowski. John Halliwell, Buck Byron, Charles Bou-Abboud, Jamie Bowen, and Lisa Killmer were 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 or Couples for Christ.

Unfinished Business:

Orientation/Discernment of new Pastoral Council Members – Father Paul said he would like to thank Henry for his hard work on this. We had eight people come out for the discernment process. The new members to fulfill a 3 year term are as follows: Regina Fairchild, Sam Interdonato, Jason Hudak, and Marge Pachuta as the alternate. They will begin their terms in June.

Subcommittee to review the Pastoral By-Laws – Father Paul said that since there has been so many activities going on in the Church this past month, the By-Laws have not been revised yet. Buck, Kathy, Benita, and Father Paul are all going to work on it.

Fall 2019 “Open House” - After the Sanctuary updates are completed, Father Paul said we have set aside a weekend in August of 2019 for a Ministry Fair. Hopefully that will also help to plug-in new people to the Parish as well as the school. Kolleen asked about having a Lenten Luncheon? She said they used to be on Wednesdays. Father Paul and the rest of the Council agreed that these Devotionals/Luncheons could begin on the first Wednesday after Ashe Wednesday. Kolleen said maybe we should send something out to the other Churches in the area in September?

Confirmation/Bishops Visit – Father Paul said he would like to thank Kathy and John for all their help with the Confirmands; and he believes the Bishop left here with a very nice impression. The Bishop said he would be donating \$30,000 for the updates on the Sanctuary and Father Paul is Donating \$3000 of his own money.

Catholic Sharing Appeal (loan for Sanctuary improvements) update – Father Paul stated that come this Fall we will have to take a look at where we stand. People can view the

display of what the finished project will look like in the front of the Church. 100% of the money that is given will go towards the Sanctuary improvements. We have a goal of about \$44,000 for the Catholic Sharing Appeal, and once we meet half we will get to keep all of it.

Update on Faith Formation Position – Father Paul said he has advertised in various outlets as well as Colleges and hasn't received any applications. We may have to ask for applications within the Parish. Someone on the Council asked about advertising on "Indeed". Father Paul said he would look into it.

New Business:

Eucharistic Procession/Retirement Dinner for Principal Karen Wynn – June 3, 2018 – after 11:00 Mass in the Gym. Ladies of St. Francis are working with Mary Grace and the menu is planned along with the color scheme, invitations have been sent out, and announcements made on radio, etc. The Council Members discussed and all agreed that we have been truly blessed to have had such a devoted and wonderful Principle in our school for the past 20 years. Father Paul said that there was a meeting of almost 20 year of Pastors of all the Catholic Schools; he had the privilege to meet the new Superintendent of the Schools and he was very impressed.

St. Francis Vacation Bible School for 2018 – Benita asked if there would be one this year and Father Paul said no.

Annette said she would like to thank the PC Members going out and finishing their terms for the Council and to welcome the new members to come. PC Members whose terms are completed are Jamie Bowen, Charles Bou-Abboud, and Heather Fama.

Kolleen asked how does the Scholarship program work for the school. Father Paul said they come in 2 different forms...one from the Diocese and another is from the Principle Awards Scholarships. Mary Abbott is one of those scholarships and another for her sister Kathleen, Msgr. Sacus is another scholarship. The Bishop gives about \$950,000, and anyone can apply for those, but they do have to apply.

Comments, Questions, Concerns and Feedback for the Pastor: None at this time.

Father Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.