

# St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – January 18, 2018

Members of the St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council met on Thursday January 18, 2018 in the Church Sanctuary for a prayer led by Kolleen Finch. 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, Jamie Bowen, Buck Byron, Karen Creager, Bert Cruz, Regina Fairchild, Heather Fama, Kolleen Finch, Annette Jennings, Lisa Killmer, Kathy Lynch, and John Sadowski. Those absent included Charles Bou-Abboud, and John Halliwell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as emailed.

Committee reviewed the following reports submitted: Couples for Christ, Faith Formation, Knights of Columbus (Father Paul stated he would like to express his gratitude to John Halliwell, many people have benefited from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfasts. John Sadowski asked where does the food go? Father Paul said many area charities, ie. Hinton, McDowell Co., Richwood and Loaves and Fishes, etc.); Ladies of St. Francis (Benita said Vicariate for the Youth will be postponed till Spring. Father Paul stated he is very appreciative of the Bereavement Committee for all the lunches they have prepared.); Liturgy Committee (Everyone agreed the Christmas decorations were particularly nice.); St. Francis de Sales School Board (Please continue to keep Ms. Wynn in our prayers as she continues to recover from her surgery. Father Paul said Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Little were a lot of help while she was out. Lisa Killmer reminded the Council of the school's biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up, The Winter Gala is scheduled for Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Cowboy Jamboree" at Glade Springs and tickets are for sell in the school office.); Youth Ministry Committee; Education Committee (John Sadowski said the Bible Study was a success) and the Evangelization Committee (Benita said the committee sent out cards for Thanksgiving and for Christmas poinsettias were hand delivered.).

Unfinished Business: Sanctuary Improvements – The Ad Hoc Committee's next meeting is this coming Monday. Father Paul stated that we have an asbestos problem. The good news is that it is in the tile, hopefully by next week we will have an idea of the cost. Every improvement has to be approved by the Diocese.

Pacita Property – It still has not been bid on by anyone. Mr. Weirton advises on all matters regarding buildings for the Diocese and he said they are asking too much, according to Father Paul.

Mass Intentions – The back log – Father Paul said that we got permission to double up, and where there are two stipends the one goes toward the meals for the Bereavement Committee. Kolleen asked how far are we behind? Father Paul said we are trying to do 2 per each weekday Mass and where there are two openings then we take the oldest intention.

Deacon Don Wise 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – According to Karen Creager (and the committee for the Celebration), we will need a lot of help with clean-up after the celebration because the school has rented the building for the following day. Also, we are hoping to get the youth involved to help move tables and clean up. The New River Jazz Band may possibly perform. Invitations are being mailed out to

Parishioners to respond by February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is asking for guests to bring letters of affirmations for Deacon Don.

Security – There is a seminar on security at The Raleigh Co. Convention Center on Jan. 23rd @ 6:00pm. Father Paul stated that maybe Deacon Harry and Bob McComas can attend.

Lenten Fish Fry's- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> is the date for the first one and the time is 4:30- 7pm. Benita asked if the prices will be adjusted. Karen said it depends on the cost of the food. Kathy said the Confirmation students need service projects, that maybe they can be of some help.

Fundraising for the Sanctuary - Father Paul stated we don't know what the cost is going to be yet.

New Business:

Kolleen said there are some concerns about the Parish not having any activities for the Adults, that all that is mentioned in the bulletin is for the Youth. Father Paul said this is typical for this time of the year, but we will have more things scheduled during Lent. The Lenten Mission is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Karen suggested that some of snow shoveling be done by the youth.

Faith Sharing: Karen Creager blessed us with discussing her faith journey.

Volunteers for next meeting: Regina for Opening Prayer; Heather for Faith Sharing.

Closing Prayer: Father Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.