

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – January 16, 2020

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on November 21, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by John Sadowski. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by Regina Fairchild. Those attending the meeting were Father Paul Wharton, Sam Interdonato, John Sadowski, Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, Kolleen Finch, Elizabeth Thewes, Josh Reeve, John Halliwell, Delores Fondale, Buck Byron, Kathy Lynch, Noah Kapp, and Sheila Zeto.

Minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed, with the exception to change “Josh Halliwell” to “John Halliwell” as the one providing faith sharing.

The council reviewed the reports submitted for December 2019/January 2020. In addition, the following were discussed:

- Faith Formation had nothing to report.
- The Knights of Columbus added to their report the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast in December raised \$272 for the bereavement committee.
- The Liturgy Committee met and there are no significant announcements. Paul Koleske will be returning to have 2 sessions on March 4 and 5 at 6:30.
- Youth Ministry will participate in a retreat for middle and high school students at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston in March.

### Unfinished Business

- Kathy is still working on the initiative and will schedule a meeting with parish volunteers.
- The security upgrades at the school are on-going. The project is proceeding slowly as they are having difficulty obtaining costs from contractors. Noah is going to discuss the work with a security contractor and have them contact Principal Peck. The firewall for the current computer system has been upgraded.
- Teens Encounter Christ will be attending a reunion in Clarksburg on January 19. It would be good to have post-Confirmation youth attend and join the group.
- Noah and Josh presented ideas to encourage involvement by younger parishioners. One idea was to have a time for parents whose children were attending faith formation get together during that time for coffee and pastries so they could get to know one another. Another idea was to have a social mixer, possibly in the gym, where parents and children could get together. The idea is the children could play while the adults socialized.

### New Business

- Father Paul raised the possibility of participating in a program known as Cross Catholic Outreach Meals. The program has a cost of \$11,000 but provides 40,000 meals. The organization ships the food items to the parish and then the parishioners measure and pack meal boxes. The organization then picks up and ships the meal boxes. This would be something for the fall of 2020 and we would involve all parishes in the vicariate. The program is known as the Youth vs. Hunger program.
- Noah raised the possibility of having a nursery area during mass. The children would have to be out of diapers. Another possibility is to broadcast the mass to a television in DeSales Hall where parents could take children but still watch the Mass.
- John Halliwell, Kathy Lynch, and Kolleen Finch are serving their final year on the council. They will be the nominating committee to find replacements. Nominations from the parish will be accepted in March at mass.

### Comments from Father Paul

- Nothing to add.

### Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Noah Kapp.

### Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Father Paul volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Elizabeth Thewes volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by praying the Our Father.