

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – June 20, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on June 20, 2019, in Mary's House for reflection and prayer led by Regina Fairchild. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by Karen Creager. Those attending the meeting were Father Paul Wharton, Sam Interdonato, Sheila Zeto, John Sadowski, Karen Creager (outgoing president), Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, Kolleen Finch, Albert Casne, Delores Fondale, Kathy Lynch, Brian Keiling, Noah Kapp, Elizabeth Thewes, and Josh Reeve. Also in attendance was Michael Aiello, seminarian.

Being the first meeting of the new council, introductions of the PC members and organization representatives was conducted.

Minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed.

Karen brought to the floor the election of Council officers for the coming year.

For the office of President the floor was opened for nominations. A motion was made and seconded for Regina Fairchild. The Council voted unanimously for Regina for President.

A motion was made and seconded for Delores Fondale for Vice-President. The Council voted unanimously for Delores for Vice-President.

For the office of Secretary, the floor was opened for nominations. A motion was made and seconded for Jason Hudak. The Council voted unanimously for Jason for Secretary.

Karen left the meeting at this point and Regina assumed the duties of president and presided over the meeting.

The council reviewed the following reports submitted for May 2019: Couples for Christ, Ladies of St. Francis, Knights of Columbus, Liturgy Committee, Educations Committee, St. Francis School, and Evangelization Committee.

Faith Formation has nothing to report since there are no sessions during summer.

The Ladies of St. Francis added to their report that they will provide cookies for the Open House and Ministry Fair.

The Education Committee stated that they made a decision to resume in August rather than September. Father Paul is also going to a book study monthly beginning in September.

Unfinished Business

- The “Open House and Ministry Fair” had a meeting with Rhonda Culicerto, Jesse Loot, Kolleen Finch, and Delores Fondale on June 16th. The different ministries will be available for interested parishioners with the Health & Wellness and RCIA ministries having their own tables. The Ladies will provide drinks and cookies for the fair. Mary Grace Depolo-Peck will be available to provide a tour of the school. Advertising for the fair was discussed. Bob Spencer will be contacted to work up a radio ad. Brian suggested looking into having a booth at the Appalachian Festival, which is on the same weekend as the fair. Delores will contact Jill Moorefield with the City of Beckley. Father Paul indicated that it is important to have sign-ups and tracking of interested persons so that follow-up contact can be made.
- The new ministry booklet is still being updated but will be ready by the ministry fair. A copy of the completed booklet will be mailed to all parishioners and it will also be available for visitors. John will contact Emily Meadows regarding confirmation.
- The lock on the door of Mary’s house need to be re-keyed.
- Bids for cleaning of the church are still being received and evaluated. Regina has someone interested in the work.

New Business

- The issue of the women’s restroom was brought up as it is in need of some updates. The issue will be brought before the finance committee.
- Deacon Don Wise is still listed on the parish’s website as the contact for baptism and the PC meeting minutes are not posted. Jason will contact Mark Misco about resolving the 2 issues on the website.

Comments from Father Paul

- Father Paul provided an update on the state of the diocese as it relates to the investigation and findings. He asked that everyone pray that the diocese will receive a holy and pastoral bishop soon.
- A blessing was not provided to fathers for Father’s Day at all the masses.
- The new principal and teachers completed the year and did a nice job. Enrollment for the upcoming school year looks good. The school is going to make it a priority to have better cooperation with Saints Peter and Paul in Oak Hill.
- The parish has updated its records for providing the Eucharist for the sick and shut-ins.
- Deacon Harry Evans is working on a new program to better schedule for the extraordinary ministers.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Jason.

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Kathy Lynch volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Kolleen Finch volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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