

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – August 15, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on August 15, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by Kathy Lynch. 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, Sheila Zeto, John Sadowski, Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, Kolleen Finch, Albert Casne, Kathy Lynch, John Halliwell, Brian Keiling, Noah Kapp, Elizabeth Thewes, Josh Reeve, and Phillip Zsoldos.

Minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed, with the following corrections:

- Strike Marge Pachuta
- Add Sheila Zeto as attending
- Add Brian Keiling as attending
- The council met in Mary's house, not the Church Sanctuary

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

Faith Formation will begin after Labor Day, September 8th. This year's confirmation class will be around 30 individuals.

The Knights of Columbus added to their report that Joe Voloski is the new Grand Knight

The Liturgy Committee will meet on August 19th.

The Education Committee will resume meeting on September 3rd with sessions focusing on evangelization and the Actos of the Apostles. Father Paul will begin a book study and discussion on September 9th and will meet monthly.

Mary Grace DePolo-Peck submitted a report and it was summarized by Brian Keiling. The school has 186 students for the current school year. The playground was completed over the summer break as well as several maintenance projects.

Unfinished Business

- The "Open House and Ministry Fair" will be following the masses on August 24th and 25th. Representatives of the various ministries will be available for interested parishioners and visitors. Sign-ups of interested persons will be maintained so that

follow-up contact can be made. The updated ministry booklets will be available for distribution.

- The new ministry booklet has been completed and mailed to all parishioners and it will also be available for visitors. Father Paul wanted to offer his thanks to Emily Meadows and Mark Misco for assisting him with the booklet.
- Cleaning of the church will begin with Servpro performing a complete cleaning on Friday and Saturday the 16th and 17th. After the cleaning by Servpro, cleaning will be performed on a weekly basis.
- The PC minutes have now been posted on the parish website. Deacon Don is still on the website as the contact for baptism. Father Paul sent Rachel a message to change it to Deacon Harry.
- Deacon Harry received one bid for updating the women's restroom in the church hall but must get additional bids.

New Business

- Kathy Lynch has made contact once again with WV Tech about programs for the students. She was told that the students are more likely to get involved with service projects. She asked for the members to think of ways to involve the students.
- 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

- The seminarian was very helpful at the parish. Everyone thought he was very personable and fit in quickly. Father Paul would be happy to have him back in a role as a seminarian. He although would recommend him to be a second priest at the parish, however he will not be ordained for another 5 years.
- Bishop Mark Brennan will visit the parish in September and be at mass on Friday, September 13th. Following mass, the Bishop will travel through several areas in the southern part of the state to help better understand the diocese.
- Sheila indicated she was very impressed with the new program for scheduling the extraordinary ministers.
- The new security protocols related to the locking of doors after the beginning of mass have been implemented and caused little to no issues.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Kolleen.

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Noah Kapp volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Sheila Zeto volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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