

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – September 1, 2021

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on September 1, 2021 in De Sales Hall. Those attending the meeting were Father Leonard Smith, Deacon Harry Evans, Josh Reeves, Brian Keiling, John Halliwell, Noah Kapp, Sheila Zeto, Kolleen Finch, Sam Interdonato, John Sadowski, Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, Delores Fondale, Kathy Lynch, and Elizabeth Thewes.

The meeting was called to order by Regina Fairchild.

An opening prayer was led by Deacon Harry.

The committee reports were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting for review. The committee reports were accepted as emailed with no additions.

### Unfinished Business

- Security upgrades have been completed at the parish. The upgrades involved, but not limited to, cameras in both the church and school and a recording system.
- The lighting in the old side of the church is scheduled for installation on September 8, 9, and 10.

### New Business

- Father Leonard would like for members of the Council to review the document titled “Canonical Standards for Parishes.” Father will forward a copy to the members via email as it is not available for download.
- Father would like to continue with the parish’s work with WVU Tech. Kathy Lynch indicated that from previous discussions, the parish could have a booth/table during sign-up, a table in the cafeteria as scheduled with the school, and possibly a place in the school newsletter. Also transportation to and from mass through a volunteer program was discussed.
- Father would like to explore having a Hispanic ministry at the parish. An organization of lay missionary women called Missionary Sister Servants of the Word presently work in the diocese. Their work is devoted to evangelization and catechesis of the Hispanic community.
- The parish-owned house at the corner of S. Oakwood Avenue and Carter Street is going to be vacant as the tenants are moving. Father would like to use the house as a convent for the sisters. As part of the sisters work, would be to celebrate a Spanish-language mass on the weekend, either Saturday or Sunday.
- Father would like to meet with the Liturgy and Evangelization committees. Bishop Brennan is focused on evangelization, particularly youth, Spanish, and college ministries.

- Catholic Charities of WV has resumed operations at the parish on Tuesday from 1 to 4 at the parish office.
- Noah discussed the idea of promoting activities at the parish to involve younger parishioners and families. The idea was explored prior to the interruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic but has not been taken up since. Father would like to continue with developing programs for social interaction among the younger population in the parish.
- An amendment to the by-laws was presented to the Pastoral Council, to change the scheduled meeting of the Pastoral Council from the third Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday, or as otherwise approved by the Pastoral Council. Adoption of the amendment was accepted unanimously. Amendment 2 was signed by Regina Fairchild, Delores Fondale, and Father Leonard Smith.

#### Comments from Father Leonard

- Nothing added.

#### Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing will not be performed until new members are appointed to the Council.

#### Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Kathy Lynch volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Faith sharing will not take place at the next meeting.

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

Minutes prepared by:

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