

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – February 15, 2018

Members of the St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council met on Thursday February 15, 2018 in the Church Sanctuary for a prayer led by Regina Fairchild. 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, Charles Bou-Abboud, Karen Creager, Regina Fairchild, Heather Fama, Kolleen Finch, John Halliwell, Annette Jennings, and John Sadowski. Those absent included Jamie Bowen, Buck Byron, Bert Cruz, Lisa Killmer, and Kathy Lynch.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as emailed.

Committee reviewed the following reports submitted: Knights of Columbus; Liturgy Committee; Ladies of St. Francis; St. Francis de Sales School Board; and the Education Committee. No Reports received from: Couples for Christ; Faith Formation/Youth Ministry; and the Evangelization Committee.

Unfinished Business:

Sanctuary Improvements Update - Father Paul said we had some tests done and the Diocese didn't like the results so we had to retest for asbestos. He said he must follow the recommendations from the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston. As far as the designs go, there will be a meeting at 6:30 on March 5th. This meeting is for the Pastoral Council and the Finance committee.

Mr. Gardner will be showing some designs and samples and we will be able to discuss and ask questions. Father Paul also state he hopes to present the designs to the Diocese the following day.

Deacon Don's 90th Birthday Celebration Update - Karen Creager said she spoke with Karen Wynn and she said she would work on moving the date for the group that is renting the gym the next day. Food will be chicken, green beans, potatoes, rolls, sheet cake from Sam's. We need someone to make a sugar free cake for Deacon Don. Father suggested Dr. Milano. Benita said she would call her.

Security Training Update - Father Paul said there was a meeting at the Beckley Convention Center that Deacon Harry and one other parishioner attended. We need to not have the mindset of it can't happen here. Harry suggested we have an Ad Hoc committee.

Lent -"Fish Fry Friday's" - Karen Creager said the frozen fish, and crab meat have been delivered. The paper products have been purchased. Different organizations are going to provide the desserts. Youth will provide desserts for the last Friday, March 30th.

Lent 2018 Mission – “Encounter” is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 9:15am-4:00pm in the Church Hall. Lunch will be provided.

Ad Hoc Committee with Mike Massinople to review/study the old H&L building. There have not been any bid on Pactita's property.

New Business:

Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimages – no responses as of yet.

Annie Sarlo presented a PowerPoint and spoke to the Pastoral Council regarding: “Missionary Discipleship” – becoming like Christ. In order to create a culture of Missionary Discipleship we must carry out the purpose of the Church, which is to evangelize. We need to give people an opportunity and invitation for conversion. First we must learn how to evangelize. We can start by attending the Parish Mission “Encounter”. After the Mission we will begin Pathway programs.

Faith Sharing: Heather Fama blessed us with discussing her faith journey.

Volunteers for next meeting: John Halliwell for Opening Prayer; Benita Goode for Faith Sharing.

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