

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – February 20, 2020

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on February 20, 2020, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by Father Paul Wharton. 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, Brian Keiling, Delores Fondale, Buck Byron, Kathy Lynch, Phillip Zsoldos, and Sheila Zeto.

Minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed.

The council reviewed the reports submitted for February 2020. In addition, the following were discussed:

- Faith Formation held a confirmation parents meeting. The youth will be asked to participate and assist with the Lenten fish fry.
- Youth Ministry had nothing to report.

### Unfinished Business

- Kathy has been working to further the presence with WV Tech. A notice is being placed in the school newsletter concerning Lenten activities. A request will be placed in the Church bulletin requesting volunteers who are willing to provide transportation to and from mass to students. Information about the parish will be placed at the school and will man a table at the cafeteria to provide information to students.
- The security upgrades at the school are on-going. A contract has been signed and work will begin soon.
- Teens Encounter Christ needs to establish a solid foundation. The success of the Clarksburg program is based upon a strong youth group.
- Noah and Josh contacted Deacon Harry Evans about the nursery “cry” room. Father Paul is concerned that parishioners will immediately take the child out of mass and will not experience the Mass.
- The Cross-Catholic meal program has kicked off with Sandy “Bear” Genung taking the lead and Phillip Zsoldos assisting. A tentative date of August 29<sup>th</sup> has been set. They are currently working to establish a facility to use for packaging the meals. This will be a parish-wide program with the Knights coordinating.
- The PC ad-hoc nominating committee will have an insert in the March bulletin regarding nominations.
- The parish’s Lenten mission will be March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, with Paul Koleske providing the program.

### New Business

- Father Paul indicated that Bishop Brennan is establishing a Diocesan Pastoral Council and that each vicariate would choose 2 representatives to attend meetings with the Bishop 3 or 4 times annually. The Bishop wishes to have it in place by April 1, with the representatives selected by May 15<sup>th</sup>, and a first meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Charleston. Father Paul will ask Karen Wynne, Emily Meadows, and Skip Jennings about participating on the vicariate council.
- A special mass for the Feast of St. Joseph will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>. As the PC would normally meet on the same date, the PC meeting will be re-scheduled to March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Comments from Father Paul

- Father was unaware about parishioners in the hospital and wished for this information to be relayed to him so that he could visit them.
- The Finance Council has several infrastructure projects on-going. The projects are as follows:
  - Security/Infrastructure upgrades - \$10,000
  - Roof cap on the gymnasium - \$12,000
  - Drainage issues affecting Sacus Center, Gym, and Pre-K entrance - \$30,000
  - Cleaning of the church stone and re-doing the stained glass - \$48,000

The first 2 listed above will be split by the parish and the school. The third will be funded entirely by the school. The cleaning and windows will be funded by the parish.

### Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was to be provided by Elizabeth Thewes but she was not in attendance. Elizabeth will be left on the agenda for faith sharing at the next meeting.

### Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Regina Fairchild volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Elizabeth Thewes will provide faith sharing for the next meeting.

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