

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – February 2, 2022

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on February 2, 2022, in De Sales Hall. Those attending the meeting were Rev. Leonard Smith, Kolleen Finch, Brian Keiling, Sam Interdonato, John Sadowski, Jason Hudak, Regina Fairchild, Sheila Zeto, Josh Reeve, and Elizabeth Thewes.

The meeting was called to order by Regina Fairchild.

An opening prayer was led by Father Leonard.

The minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting were emailed to the membership for review. The minutes were accepted as emailed with no additions.

The committee reports were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting for review. The committee reports were accepted as emailed.

### Unfinished Business

- Chapter 3, Service, of the “Canonical Standards for Parishes” was discussed.
  - Collaborations
    - Secs. 3.1-3.6 – Various councils and ministries are present and active in the parish to provide support to the pastor.
  - Pastoral Care
    - Secs. 3.7–3.12 – The parish provides services for the care of the sick and elderly parishioners.
    - The needs of those less fortunate are addressed through various programs.
    - Better coordination efforts are needed for the care and visitation of the sick and shut-ins.
    - Opportunities are provided for parishioners to have social interaction, but more may need to be done in this area.
  - Protection of Rights
    - Secs. 3.13-3.17 – No comments.
  - Social Justice
    - Secs. 3.18-3.23 – Several ministries exist for lay faithful for religious purposes.
  - Vocations
    - Sec. 3.24 – Promotes and prays for vocations to the Church, particularly from the parish. Several parishioners have become ordained deacons and have had some ladies become nuns.

- No new information regarding the WVU Tech ministry.
- Father has reached out to the Missionary Servants of the Word regarding availability. The house which would serve as the convent needs significant repairs and are in progress. If need be, the sisters could live in the upstairs of the Parish office temporarily.
- A meeting with Father and the Evangelization Committee has not been scheduled.
- There is nothing to report on the desire to have more programs for young adults.
- The music ministry would need to take the primary role in recruiting new cantors. Father would like to see the cantors in the front of the church to lead those attending in active participation.

#### New Business

- An ad-hoc membership committee for the Pastoral Council will be comprised of those members who finish their terms in May. The committee will be comprised of Kathy Lynch, Kolleen Finch, John Halliwell, and John Sadowski. John Sadowski will be the primary person for the group.
- Chapter 4, Service, of the “Canonical Standards for Parishes” will be discussed at a later meeting.
- The next meeting will be held March 2, following the Ash Wednesday mass.

#### 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

- Noah Kapp will 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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