

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – March 21, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on March 21, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by John Halliwell. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by Karen Creager. Those attending the meeting were Father Paul Wharton, Sam Interdonato, Marge Pachuta, John Sadowski, Karen Creager, Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, John Paul Halliwell, Annette Jennings, Albert Casne, Brian Keiling, Buck Byron, and Kathy Lynch.

Minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed.

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

Faith Formation will be on spring break the next 2 weekends. In addition, First Holy Communion is scheduled for May 5th and will require the Knights of Columbus honor guard.

Unfinished Business

- The PC By-Laws were updated and emailed to all PC members. The by-laws were discussed and were acceptable in fact to the Council. Annette indicated on page 7 that the word “weekend” did not need capitalized. Buck is going to prepare a final copy of the by-laws which will have a place to sign for the Pastor and PC officers. The by-laws will be signed at the April PC meeting.
- Fund raising for the Church renovations was discussed, and there was no new information to report.
- The wheelchair lift at the rear entrance to the Church hall is completed and operational.
- The nomination committee has received and tallied the nominations and reported that there were 14 parishioners who received at least 3 nominations. Of those contacted, 3 declined, and 5 are willing to come to the discernment, and the remainder have not been reached. Father would like to have 8 or 9 to attend the discernment. The committee will present a list of those interested in attending the discernment at the April PC meeting.
- There have been 2 Lenten fish fries to date and the dinners have accumulated a surplus from food sales alone, not taking into account monies from the raffle and 50/50. The PC will provide desserts for the April 12th fish fry. Jason will email all PC members a reminder regarding the dessert.

- The “Open House” for the fall of 2019 was discussed. As it is quickly approaching, ideas need to be raised so that the work associated with the event can be completed.

New Business

- Rhonda Culicerto has requested that healthcare professionals in the Parish be approved to begin a Healthcare and Wellness Ministry at St. Francis. She and other healthcare professionals would begin with simply checking the blood pressure of interested parishioners following the masses once a month. A brief survey would be conducted to see if there are other areas of interest to parishioners. The Ministry may begin following the fifth Sunday breakfast.

A motion was made by Annette Jennings and seconded by John Sadowski, to move forward with the Ministry. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Father Paul

- Father Paul wanted to discuss the April meeting date. The council indicated it was decided to hold the meeting on April 25th, due to Holy Week. Father indicated that would be fine.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Brian.

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Kathy Lynch volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Annette Jennings volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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