

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – March 18, 2021

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on November 19, 2020 in the Parish Center. Those attending the meeting were Father Paul Wharton, 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 Kathy Lynch.

The minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were accepted as emailed.

The committee reports were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting for review. In addition to the emailed committee reports, the following additional committee items were discussed:

- The Liturgy Committee reported the following:
 - The committee held an informal to discuss Holy Week, Easter, and the re-introduction of altar servers into the Mass. Holy Week will have some changes to comply with the COVID protocols.
- Education Committee
 - Resumption of meeting has begun however they have not been attended. The program “The Search” has been completed a new program will begin in a couple weeks.
- St. Francis De Sales School
 - A board meeting was held on 3/15.
 - First grade is on remote learning due to a student testing positive for COVID-19.
 - Enrollment for the 21-22 school year has begun and it appears that enrollment will be higher.
- Faith Formation
 - The attendance has been low.
 - The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be this fall.

Unfinished Business

- Security upgrades have been completed.
- The video production cameras are installed and functioning to live stream mass.
- Father Jamie DeViese had to cancel for the Parish Mission.
- The Vicariate Council held its first meeting in February. The next meeting will be in April or May.
- Two members from the Vicariate Council were appointed to the Diocesan Council.

- An amendment to the by-laws was presented to the Pastoral Council, to allow the pastor to appoint a deacon to the Vicariate Council. A motion to adopt Amendment 1, was made by Kolleen Finch and seconded by Elizabeth Thewes. Adoption of the amendment was accepted unanimously. Amendment 1 was signed by Regina Fairchild, Delores Fondale, and Father Paul Wharton.

New Business

- Due to limited capacity at mass, it was proposed and accepted to postpone the nomination and installation of new members to the Pastoral Council until fall of this year. The first term for the new members coming in will be shortened so that the membership term can get back on the terms set out in the by-laws.
- New lighting has been completed in the new side of the church using grant funding. Additional money remains in the grant funding and it is desired to install more energy-efficient lighting in the old side. The new lighting will match the fixtures in the new side.

Comments from Father Paul

- WOAY-TV will televise our Easter mass at Noon on Easter Day.

Faith Sharing

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

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Deacon Harry Evans was nominated 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.