

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – May 16, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on May 16, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by Annette Jennings. 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, Kolleen Finch, Henry Bobbin, Annette Jennings, Albert Casne, Delores Fondale, and Kathy Lynch.

Minutes of the April 25, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed, however the date for the Vicariate meeting needs updated to read April 29th.

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

Faith Formation will conclude for the year on May 19th.

The Ladies of St. Francis will invite the seminarian to the June 9th picnic.

The Liturgy Committee did not submit a report for May but Annette Jennings is no longer on the committee.

Youth Ministry should focus on ministry per a suggestion from John Sadowski. Lisa Keiling and principal Mary Grace DePolo-Peck should be involved with the program.

Unfinished Business

- Three new members and one alternate were selected at the discernment to fill the expiring terms on the Pastoral Council. The new members filling the three year terms are Noah Kapp, Josh Reeve, and Elizabeth Thewes. The alternate slot will be filled by Sheila Zeto.
- The “Open House and Ministry Fair” has volunteers from the Ladies of St. Francis and they have some ideas but wish to discuss with the committee. The committee will hold a meeting prior to the next PC meeting. The fair will be held after the three masses.
- The parish has been working on a new ministry booklet and is in the process of finalizing it. A copy was provided to the PC members for review.
- The lock on the door of Mary’s house has not been repaired. Marge thought the door may need adjusted.
- Bids for cleaning of the church have been received but a selection has not been made. The Finance Council will finalize the selection.

New Business

- In order to honor Deacon Don's tireless efforts related to visiting the sick and shut-ins, a request will be placed in the bulletin for parishioners to provide the names of those he visited and any others in need of visitation. The church will create and maintain a master list. Training will be provided for the Visitation Ministry on June 8th at Mary's house and will be announced in the bulletin.
- A tribute to the deacons of the parish will be placed in de Sales Hall, similar to the one for the pastors.
- The Health and Wellness Ministry will provide an insert for the bulletin related to mental hygiene.

Comments from Father Paul

- Father Paul wished to thank Karen, Henry, Annette, and Marge for their service on the Pastoral Council.
- All parishioners should continue to offer prayers for the selection of a new bishop for the diocese.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Sam Interdonato.

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Regina Fairchild volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Jason Hudak volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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