

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – November 19, 2020

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, Deacon Harry Evans, John Halliwell, Brian Keiling, Sheila Zeto, Kolleen Finch, Sam Interdonato, John Sadowski, Regina Fairchild, Jason Hudak, Delores Fondale, Kathy Lynch, Elizabeth Thewes, and Josh Reeve.

The meeting was called to order by Father Paul.

An opening prayer was led by John Sadowski.

The minutes of the October 15, 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:
  - First Holy Communion for the 2020 class is scheduled for November 21, 2020 at 11:00 mass. The mass will be restricted to communicants and family.
- Education Committee
  - Resuming the program with 2 sessions to be held in December and will resume the weekly meeting in January. The group will meet in the Parish Center on Tuesdays following daily mass.
- Faith Formation
  - The attendance has been low. Presently the classes meet in person 1 Sunday a month and the remainder is to be conducted at home.

### Unfinished Business

- Security upgrades at the school have been started and are near completion. The recording of the system is working. Eight cameras have been installed in the church and are functioning.
- The video production cameras are installed and functioning in the church. A daily mass was live streamed to Facebook successfully to test the system. The system is capable of streaming to 2 different platforms at the same time. Also, the video is recorded and can be posted to the church website.
- The attendance for Christmas mass was discussed. Initially, it was thought that reservations would be made by parishioners. Three masses will be held, with those being 4:00 and 7:00 on Christmas Eve and at 11:00 on Christmas Day.

John Halliwell did not like reservations for mass and felt it should remain on a first come first serve basis until the reduced capacity has been reached. Delores, Sheila, and Kolleen agreed with John.

A vote was taken with 3 for reservations and 9 against reservations. Father Paul will take the council's vote and preference for no reservations under advisement.

The 7:00 Christmas Eve mass will be live streamed to Facebook. A letter will be sent to parishioners regarding Christmas masses.

- Father Jamie DeViese has been invited by Father Paul for the 2021 Lenten mission at the parish.

#### New Business

- Skip Jennings and Dolin Siers have been appointed to the Vicariate Council. They will meet in the Parish Center on December 3 at 7:00. The meeting will be to choose representatives for the Diocesan Council.

The Vicariate Council will meet prior to the Diocesan Council so that any concerns can be discussed.

- Father Paul requested that the Pastor be allowed to appoint a Deacon to the Vicariate Council. This would require an amendment to the Parish Council by-laws.

Kolleen offered a motion to allow an amendment to the by-laws to allow for the appointment of a Deacon to the Vicariate Council. John Sadowski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason will prepare an amendment for review.

#### Comments from Father Paul

- No comments or concerns.

#### Faith Sharing

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

#### Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Kathy Lynch volunteered 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.