

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – January 17, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on January 17, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by Regina Fairchild. 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, Kolleen Finch, Regina Fairchild, Delores Fondale, Jason Hudak, Buck Byron, John Halliwell, Henry Bobbin, Annette Jennings, and Brian Keiling.

Minutes of the October 18, 2018 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed.

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

Unfinished Business

- The PC By-Laws were discussed. The members unanimously agreed to the recommended changes in the by-laws. The council will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month and will meet every month except for July and December. Buck Byron will make the necessary changes and re-send to members of the PC.
- A pizza dinner was held on October 25th to welcome WV Tech students. Kathy Lynch was not present at the meeting therefore an update will be provided at the February meeting.
- The majority of the construction associated with the Church renovations are completed. The Ambo and Baptismal Font are to be installed on or around January 24th. This will essentially complete the renovations.
- Fund raising was discussed, and to date the Parish is over halfway to the fundraising goal.
- The wheelchair lift and appurtenances at the rear stairs are being installed.
- The security procedures for the Parish were discussed. The rear doors will be locked 10 minutes after mass begins so that access will be limited to the main entrance. There have been 2 recent occurrences of unknown persons in the Church. One was sleeping in the Sanctuary however the other person made their way to the Pre-K classroom and knocked on the door wanting coffee. A new wall is to be built in the basement to isolate the classrooms from the common areas of the basement. A locking door with panic hardware will be installed to secure the classrooms.

- The “Open House” for the fall of 2019 will be kept as part of “Unfinished Business” so it was not forgotten, but that it is too early to start detailed planning of the event.

New Business

- Kolleen asked about ordering and distributing activity books for kids at during special liturgical seasons. She will check into pricing for the books.
- Buck asked if consideration has been given to a columbarium in the Church. Father Paul does not think it is the right time due to the recent outlays for capital improvements to the facilities. The concept will be reconsidered after the fundraising goal for the Sanctuary renovations has been reached.

Comments from Father Paul

- Father Paul has been given additional responsibilities in the Diocese. He was recently named to the College of Consulters, which will require him to spend more time in Wheeling at the Diocese.
- The investigation being overseen by Bishop Lori and others is continuing. A draft report is being prepared for Bishop Lori’s review.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing for the meeting was not performed as Brian was scheduled but had to leave the meeting early.
- John Sadowski volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Brian Keiling will be left on the schedule for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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