

# Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

## Minutes – February 21, 2019

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

Minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed.

The council reviewed the following reports submitted for February 2019: Couples for Christ, Ladies of St. Francis, Knights of Columbus, Liturgy Committee, Educations Committee, St. Francis School, and Evangelization Committee. Faith Formation had nothing to report.

### Unfinished Business

- The PC By-Laws were updated and discussed. Following discussion, it was determined that the by-laws should be updated to reflect that the nomination committee should be established in February, prior to requesting nominations from the Parish. The Parish will be asked to submit nominations in March. The changes will be made to Article V, Section 1 and be taken up for approval at the next PC meeting.
- A pizza dinner was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> to welcome WV Tech students. No one from the college attended the event. It was thought that a future event could be held and have one or more of the athletic teams participate. Kathy is open to suggestions for moving forward. It was mentioned about contacting Robert Perron, Director of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry, with the Diocese regarding things that have been successful at other parishes. The women's basketball coach, Anna Kowalska (sp.), attends mass at the parish and could be a possible contact for future events. John Halliwell offered to contact the K of C in Morgantown to see if they support any church functions.
- Fund raising for the Church renovations was discussed, and there was no information available.
- The wheelchair lift at the rear entrance to the Church hall is completed and is due to be commissioned by the State of WV on February 25, 2019. The panic bar hardware for the door still needs to be installed. Marge expressed her dissatisfaction with the lift and thought it was too large.

- The new wall has been built in the basement to isolate the Pre-K classrooms from the common areas of the basement. A locking door with panic hardware was installed to secure the classrooms. The wall construction will be funded by the school.
- 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

- The April meeting, if held at the regularly scheduled time, would fall on Holy Thursday. The PC voted unanimously to move the April meeting to April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The PC nominated an ad-hoc committee for nominations to replace the three (3) outgoing members. The committee will consist of Kathy Lynch, John Sadowski, and tentatively Henry Bobbin. Karen will contact Henry and if he wishes not to participate on the ad-hoc committee, Karen will nominate another member. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin the week prior to nominations, listing the current members of the PC.
- The Lenten Fish Fry will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Karen is looking into other ways to raise funds for the wheelchair lift, in addition to the Fish Fry, such as 50/50 drawings and raffle drawings. The prizes for the raffle would be those which were not used in prior events. The raffle would consist of a weekly drawing and a drawing for a larger prize on the final Fish Fry. They are also looking at advertising on local media.

#### Comments from Father Paul

- Deacon Harry had nothing to add from Father Paul.

#### Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing for the meeting was not performed as Brian was scheduled but was not at the meeting.
- John Halliwell 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.