

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – April 25, 2019

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council (PC) met on April 25, 2019, in the Church Sanctuary for reflection and prayer led by Kathy Lynch. 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, Annette Jennings, Albert Casne, Buck Byron, Delores Fondale, and Kathy Lynch.

Minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting were discussed. The minutes were accepted as emailed, however the date in the first paragraph needed revised to March 21, 2019 as opposed to February 21, 2019.

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 participate in First Holy Communion is scheduled for May 4th and will have a mini-retreat and rehearsal.

The Knights of Columbus held a memorial for Deacon Don Wise on April 24th.

The school report was read to the Council as it was received after the committee reports were emailed. The report will be placed in the binder with the other committee reports for April.

Unfinished Business

- The PC By-Laws were reviewed and accepted unanimously by the Council. Following acceptance the by-laws were signed by Father Paul Wharton, Karen Creager, and Regina Fairchild. The signed by-laws were given to Jason Hudak for filing with the minutes.
- The crucifix for the new side of the church has been touched up and re-installed.
- The wheelchair lift at the rear entrance to the Church hall is completed and operational.
- The PC nomination committee has completed its work and have 10 nominees who will attend the discernment process scheduled for May 5th. Father Paul requested the committee contact the nominees and remind them of the date and time.
- The Lenten fish fry has wrapped up and the preliminary accounting showed gross revenues and expenses of approximately \$9400 and \$3500, respectively. A final accounting will be performed and the net proceeds will be published in the church bulletin.

Next year the members of the fish fry will see about the school involved to increase participation. Also they may consider “sponsorships”.

- The Healthcare & Wellness ministry was well-received at the 5th Sunday breakfast in March.
- The “Open House and Ministry Fair” will be held on August 24th and 25th. Karen suggested that an ad-hoc committee comprised of representatives of the Ladies, Knights, and school be formed. The committee will be Delores Fondale, John Halliwell, and Brian Keiling will be asked to represent the school. Father Paul suggested that the school be involved. The committee will meet and bring suggestions to the May PC meeting.

New Business

- Father Paul stated that a seminarian would be coming to the church for the summer. He will be available to help with the open house in August.
- A vicariate meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th.
- The locks need to be repaired at Mary’s House.
- The issue of cleaning the church was discussed. Currently, the finance council is working on the issue and will meet again in 3 to 4 weeks to discuss.

Comments from Father Paul

- Father commended the Ladies of Saint Francis on their good works performed.
- The diocese is still waiting for a bishop to be appointed.
- Father celebrated his 37th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.
- Several people have asked about a special collection for the repair of the Notre Dame Cathedral. The church will not have a collection as persons wanting to donate to the effort can do so via other organizations.

Faith Sharing

- Faith sharing was provided by Annette Jennings.

Volunteers for the Next Meeting

- Annette Jennings volunteered to lead the prayer for the next meeting.
- Sam Interdonato volunteered for faith sharing for the next meeting.

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