

Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Minutes – July 19, 2018

Members of the Saint Francis de Sales Pastoral Council met on July 19, 2018, in the Church Sanctuary for a reflection and prayer led by Regina Fairchild. The membership then convened in the Church Hall and the meeting was called to order by Father Paul Wharton. Those attending the meeting were Father Paul Wharton, Sam Interdonato, Marge Pachuta, John Sadowski, Albert Casne, Henry Bobbin, Kathy Lynch, John Paul Halliwell, Karen Creager, Kolleen Finch, Regina Fairchild, Delores Fondale, Jason Hudak, Buck Byron, and Annette Jennings.

Father Paul brought to the floor for the election of Council officers for the coming year.

For the office of President the floor was opened for nominations. A motion was made and seconded for Karen Creager. The Council voted unanimously for Karen Creager for President.

As newly elected President, Karen assumed the duties and continued the meeting. A motion was made and seconded for Regina Fairchild for Vice-President. The Council voted unanimously for Regina Fairchild for Vice-President.

For the office of Secretary, the floor was opened for nominations. Motions were made and seconded for Kolleen Finch and Kathy Lynch, however both respectfully declined. A motion was made and seconded for Jason Hudak. The Council voted unanimously for Jason Hudak for Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as emailed.

The council reviewed the following reports submitted for May 2018: Ladies of St. Francis; Knights of Columbus; St. Francis de Sales School; Liturgy Committee; PC Evangelization Committee

Couples for Christ – Nothing to report

Faith Formation – A meeting was held on July 18, 2018, for parishioners to volunteer for the coming year. The priorities for the coming year are 1) teachers, 2) activities, 3) programs to teach, and 4) fundraisers.

Knights of Columbus – Are leading a pro-life Rosary on July 21, 2018, at 4:15.

Ladies of St. Francis – Will have their next meeting on September 9, 2018.

Liturgy Committee - A meeting was held on July 16, 2018, to discuss Mass due to the upcoming construction. Daily mass will be held in the Church Hall. A temporary ramp shall be constructed for access to the new side of the Church while construction is performed on the old side.

St. Francis de Sales School – Mary Grace Peck will take over as the new principal following the retirement of Karen Wynne. All teachers needed for the upcoming year have been hired and the enrollment appears to be similar to the last school year, 190 students+.

Youth Ministry – Nothing to report.

Education Committee – Will resume programs in mid-September, which will follow daily Mass.

Evangelization Committee – Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- An update was given on review of the Pastoral By-Laws. Father Paul indicated the sub-committee had not met to review the by-laws. Buck Byron indicated he had reviewed them.
- 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.
- The renovations to the Church will commence on July 23, 2018, in the old side and on the Sanctuary. It is estimated that the work will take approximately two (2) months. Following completion of this initial phase, work will commence on the new side of the Church.
- Father Paul said that fundraising was going slow but steady with the cash collection in excess of \$50,000. Additional pledges are remaining for the current year and approximately \$20,000 in pledges are slated for next year.
- The Eucharistic Procession occurred but no further discussion.
- Kolleen Finch said that the Ladies and kitchen volunteers for Karen Wynne’s retirement dinner ended up having to wash all the pots and pans. She asked that additional volunteers should be available to assist in clean-up for dinners.

New Business

- The Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are planning to attend “Teens Encounter Christ” at the Pastoral Center in Charleston on November 10, 11, and 12, 2018.
- Annette Jennings brought up the location of the Pastoral Council meeting minutes on the Church website. They are currently found under the “Parish Staff” section and indicated that they should maybe be posted in a different location.
- The use of the program “Formed” was discussed concerning parish registration. Father Paul asked Annette Jennings to come up with notices for the bulletin to encourage parishioners to register.
- John Sadowski brought up the possibility of establishing a Newman center associated with West Virginia Tech. Kathy Lynch said the Church should consider having a program to welcome new students to the area and to the parish. Kolleen Finch suggested that the Church could host a dinner for the students. The idea will be re-visited following

completion of the Church renovations. Father Paul made the point that a Newman center would require volunteers.

- Buck Byron provided a faith sharing with the Council.
- The next meeting will be held August 16, 2018.
- John Sadowski volunteered to perform the opening prayer for the next meeting.
- Delores Fondale volunteered for the faith sharing.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a group prayer.