

Pastoral Council Minutes

December 14, 2017

The meeting was opened with an Our Father. Those in attendance were Jackie Chiarolanza, Fr. Dan, Sue Lohman, Brad Richter, Irma Deimeke, Corey Huegen, Terry Richards, Lori Kampwerth, Ken Haselhorst. New members elected to the council were also in attendance, Carrie Trame, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart and Ryan Faust.

The mission of the council is to keep faith strong and to help parishioners to become more focused on God and religion. A copy of the bylaws was given to each new member. A motion to revise Article VI-Section 5 of the bylaws relating to the event of a tie in the election of new members was made by Lori Kampwerth and seconded by Jackie Chiarolanza: “Article VI-Sec. 5, Sentence 2 of the Pastoral Council Bylaws shall be amended to read *‘In the event of a tie for the third seat, both candidates shall be appointed to the council for full terms, thus temporally increasing the number of council members for one cycle. In the event of a three-way or greater tie, the winning candidate will be decided by a majority vote current Pastoral Council.’* This amendment shall replace the current sentence: *‘Ties will be decided by a majority vote of the Pastoral Council.’*” It was felt by the membership that this change would better respect the will of the parishioner in the event of a simple two-way tie. The amendment will be voted on in January following its second reading.

New officers were elected to the council. Ken Haselhorst was nominated by new member Marvin Ratermann for chairman but Ken declined due to his commitment as Vocations Minister. Irma Deimeke was then nominated by Ken Haselhorst and seconded by Jackie Chiarolanza. Irma accepted the nomination and was voted in as chairman by the council. Brad Richter was nominated by Irma and seconded by Lori to the position of vice chairman. Brad accepted the nomination and was voted into the position by the council. Carol Imming was nominated to the position of secretary by Sue Lohman and seconded by Amy Strubhart. Carol was not present at the meeting but had accepted the nomination prior to the meeting. Carol was voted into the position by the council. Congratulations to the new officers of the council.

Old Business:

The council’s Christmas party was held on December 6th. The council wrapped the Christmas gifts to the parishioners and also counted the ballots for new council members. A good time was had by all. Corey will coordinate helpers to give out the books at the 4:00pm mass on Christmas Eve; Brad at 7:30pm mass on Christmas Eve; Ken at 7:30am mass on Christmas Day; Irma, Carrie and Ryan at the 9:30 a.m. mass on Christmas Day. The lectors will make an announcement at each mass regarding the book. Jackie updated everyone on the pictorial directory. The project is going well and another photographer will be available for January 2nd & 3rd to open up more appointments. Jackie is looking for pictures of the parish’s 150 Anniversary celebration to add to the parish pictorial directory. If you have any to share call Jackie Chiarolanza at 618-531-7373 or call the parish office at 228-7219. Lori and Carrie are participating in the Best Advent Ever and are enjoying it. Fr. Dan reported that he has heard very good things about the program as well.

Ken Haselhorst reported that vocations ministry is going well. He will meet with the joint council team members in January and together they will form a plan to move forward with encouraging vocations to religious life. Corey explained the goals of the parish partnership to the new council members.

St. Rose will begin remodeling their church in January and they will use St. Francis church for their masses as they cannot use their gym. They will have a 4:00pm mass on Saturdays and an 11:00am mass on Sundays. The next Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be February 20, 2018 at St. Rose.

New Business:

January 28, 2018 will be the CYM mass at 9:30am. The Karl Zimmermann Christian Rock Band will play the music at the mass and the CYM members will be the ushers, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, lectors and servers. The Kick Off Christmas Vacation program will help to offset the cost of the Karl Zimmermann band. The eighth grade will be invited to join CYM after the holidays. The CYM is planning their annual ski trip in January.

Pastors Report:

Fr. Dan reported that Saint Meinrad received a grant for a 5 year research project on how to attract youth 19 through 26 to the church. St. Francis was not chosen to participate in the research project.

Outgoing members are Corey Huegen, Terry Richards and Sue Lohman. Corey summarized the past three years of the council: The Christmas book project, Hispanic Outlook, Facebook page, Vocations Ministry assigned, Prayer for Vocations instituted, Stewardship committee, 150th Celebration, and St. Francis Parish Mission.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th at 7:00pm.
The meeting was closed with a Hail Mary.