

Pastoral Council Minutes

August 9, 2018

Ryan Faust opened the meeting with a prayer.

Those in attendance were Father Dan Friedman, Deacon Steve Aubuchon, Irma Deimeke, Amy Strubhart, Lori Kampwerth, Carrie Trame, Jackie Chiarolanza, Brad Richter, Marvin Ratermann, Kenny Haselhorst, and Ryan Faust.

Guest in attendance: N/A

Absent: Carol Imming

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from 6/14/18 was moved by Jackie Chiarolanza and seconded by Carrie Trame.

Vocations:

Kenny Haselhort reported the next Joint Council Meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018. Patti Warner, Father Nicholas Junker's Secretary is developing a program/plan. Kenny plans to have more information to share during the next Joint Council Meeting and Pastoral Council Meeting.

CYM Update:

Lori Kampwerth reported Jackie Schmitz and Lynn Huegen are the new the new CYM moderators. Following the summer off, meetings will resume in September 2018.

Father Friedman shared information from the last Vicariate meeting. He stated the Vicariate has approved a grant funding for a Vicariate-wide project (North Central Vicariate Youth Ministry Leadership Training) aimed at training youth leaders. The Vicariate will receive around \$5,740 to fund this project, a percentage of funds from the CSMA drive. The exact amount is based on a set percentage of the total CSMA funds raised within the Vicariate. He was unable to confirm when funds would be received. Father Friedman stated the funds would be used to help send one student from each partnership within the Vicariate to Steubenville, OH, for a Youth Leadership Conference and ministry workshop. It will hopefully energize and excite our representatives so they in turn can energize our local high school youth to become involved in their faith. It will be a week to share ideas and

promote excitement as youth in the Catholic Church. Upon their return they will be charged to form a Youth Ministry Advisory Council for the Vicariate and plan two major projects over the next two years: a youth convention and a mission project. Father Friedman stated the next step includes finding two to three adults to take the lead in facilitating this project. Every Partnership will nominate one sophomore or junior high school student to go to Steubenville and commit to two years of leadership on the project. Lori will share about the project with the new CYM leads, Lynn and Jackie. Father Friedman stated the Vicariate is also discussing other ideas on energizing our older youth around their faith.

Mass Schedule Survey:

The meeting attendees reviewed a draft mass schedule survey. Decision was made to place the surveys in church pews at all masses during the weekends of 8-9 September 2018 and 15-16 September 2018. The survey will be extended to the PSR children, and the forms will include an identifying mark so the Pastoral Council can determine where the forms originated for metrics gathering purposes. Father Friedman requested the Pastoral Council members explain the survey to the congregation during each aforementioned mass.

Stewardship – Welcoming Committee:

In an effort to ensure continuity of various ministries across the church, the Pastoral Council is reaching out to various ministry leads in order to document their procedures. As such, Jackie Chiarolanza reached out to Marilyn Buscher to discuss the current process for contacting to new parishioners. Marilyn provided Jackie with a list of introductory questions that the welcoming committee (currently 13 members) ask new parishioners over one or two visits. The meeting attendees reviewed the list and recommended a few updates. Father Friedman mentioned when new parishioners register with St. Francis Church, they are mailed a parish directory. He recommended that the parish directory and parish ministry catalog that identifies the numerous church ministries and associated contacts be provided at the second visit with new parishioners.

Stewardship – Nursing Home Visits:

Jackie Chiarolanza met with Ruth Lager and Marilyn Buscher on the procedures for meeting with Nursing Home Residents. Marilyn provided Jackie with a list of all the members who support the Nursing Home Ministry. Jackie shared that Marilyn Buscher will assume the responsibility if Ruth was to ever retire. For record keeping purposes, Jackie provided the list to Irma Deimeke, Pastoral Council President.

Stewardship – RCIA Assistance (Supporting New Candidates):

Father Friedman stated current candidates include a husband and wife and one other individual. The RCIA Program is set to begin September 17, 2018. Father Friedman is looking for sponsors. It is not known if the potential candidates will be requesting self-selected sponsors.

Any Other Old Business:**St. Rose 150 Years Parade (Oct 7, 2018 Parade; Sept 1, 2018 Entry Due Date)**

Lori Kampwerth contacted Mike Koch, asking if he was planning to enter his horse and buggy in the parade and if so, see if he would be interested in posting a sign on the buggy providing congratulations to St. Rose from St. Francis Church. Mike advised he is not currently planning to bring his horse and buggy; instead, he is considering riding his large wheel bike. Lori will check back with him and provide an update at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

New Business**Start Collecting Unsung Heroes Nominees:**

The meeting attendees discussed it is time to collect nominees. Lori Kampwerth will research last year's bulletin entry and resubmit into the bulletin over upcoming weeks in August.

Christmas Gift:

Meeting attendees discussed various options - "Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" book from Dynamic Catholic, books on CD, personalized fan pulls, ornaments, bookmarks, etc. The meeting attendees decided personalized, laminated bookmarks (~1500) would be a good option for parishioners of all ages. Jackie Chiarolanza will research bookmarks available on Liguori Publications and Oriental Trading and report back to the group at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting:

Next meeting is Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7pm. For meeting attendees that would like to carpool, meet at St. Francis Church blacktop at 6:30.

Church South Entrance Accessibility:

Marvin Ratermann asked Father Friedman about status of proceeding with making the south entrance of church handicap-accessible. Father Friedman agreed the handicap-accessible entrance would be a good improvement for church. Father Friedman advised that if the Pastoral Council feels strongly about this

improvement project, the Council needs to spread the word to other parishioners to gain interest and financial support. He mentioned the south entrance redesign/architecture currently exists to keep the steps and ramp indoors and also offers a waiting area. Father Friedman will seek a current estimate and bring the architectural drawings to the next Pastoral Council Meeting. Amy Strubhart recommended Marvin Ratermann draft a statement explaining the need that the Pastoral Council members can read in church in subsequent weeks as we gain momentum with the movement.

Father's Report:

Father Friedman shared an emergency response advertisement. He stated he intends to meet with mass ushers to devise an action plan to follow in the event of a church emergency.

Father Friedman shared Pope Francis' statement about capital punishment stating capital punishment is never morally correct.

Other Discussions:

Brad Richter mentioned a local youth that recently passed away. He asked if our PSR or other religious groups can do anything to help promote awareness of negative online influences. Father Friedman recommended talking to Milissa Faust and Tammy Kampwerth to discuss options.

Irma Deimeke mentioned a fellow parishioner shared concern over timing of mass intentions being stated during mass. Father Friedman and meeting attendees discussed the change made last year. Decision was made that mass intentions will continue to follow the vocation prayer at the beginning of each mass.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 13th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Parish Rectory.

Carrie Trame will say the opening prayer and Amy Strubhart will lead the closing prayer.