

Pastoral Council Minutes

September 13, 2018

Father Dan offered an opening prayer sheet and those in attendance read along.

Those in attendance were Father Dan Friedman, Irma Deimeke, Amy Strubhart, Jackie Chiarolanza, Marvin Ratermann, Ken Haselhorst, and Ryan Faust.

Guest in attendance: N/A

Absent: Lori Kampwerth, Carol Imming, Carrie Trame, Brad Richter, Deacon Steve Aubuchon,

Old Business

Approval of minutes from 8/9/18 was moved by Jackie Chiarolanza and seconded by Ryan Faust.

Vocations Ministry:

Ken received an email from Patty Warner, Diocesan Vocations Director. He mentioned upcoming "Hundredfold Workshop" on Nov 3rd, 2018, 0830-1500 that he plans to attend. Father Dan shared information about the workshop leader and workshop. Ken mentioned working with the CYM group to coordinate another special mass on Vocation Awareness Day, Nov 4th, 2018. Father Dan recommended having a Seminarian participate in the special mass.

Mass Schedule Survey:

Members reviewed the survey results from 8-9 Sept 2018. Pastoral Council Members will be handing out surveys again weekend of 15-16 Sept 2018. Father Dan emphasized his concern over disrupting the schedules of those who currently attend the Saturday evening 7:30 Mass.

Father Dan also shared with the group the list of numerous local Pastors who are critically ill. He stated that of the 104 parishes in our Diocese, there are currently approximately 57 parishes with resident Priests leaving approximately 47 parishes with no resident Priests. There are approximately 46 Priests serving parishes in our Diocese who are over age 50. There are 22 retired Priests throughout our Diocese. Father Dan shared that the Diocese is projecting a significant decline in these numbers by year 2020.

Stewardship - RCIA Assistance:

Father Dan stated there are currently three new candidates. Two candidates have a Sponsor; he was unsure about the third. One candidate is unable to attend Monday nights, so Father Dan is determining how to proceed.

St. Rose 150 Years Parade (Oct 7, 2018 Parade; Sept 1, 2018 Entry Due Date)

Irma stated Mike Koch is not available to attend the Parade. Irma asked Father Dan if he is still interested in attending. Father Dan confirmed he is available on October 7th, 2018. Group further discussed and agreed Council members who are able to attend will do so in support of our Sister Parish, St. Rose.

Unsung Heroes Nominees:

Irma mentioned nominees. Members decided next step is to ask each submitter for the rationale (i.e., contributions to the Church, community). Members will also take for homework adding

any contributions they are aware of for each nominee. Group will then review the contributions of each nominee and select the 2018 Unsung Heroes.

Joint Pastoral Council Update:

The Pastoral Council discussed the Joint Council meeting held on September 6th, 2018. At the Council meeting, Members discussed strategies to develop a central core group of members from the Joint Council to evangelize His word, providing different church missions (vice administration activities). Father Dan voiced a need to have support in the following Missions – vocation promotion, reaching out to poor, reaching out to Hispanic, reaching out to new members, reaching out to the sick. Father Dan stated it is easy for people to latch onto the tangible tasks; it is the intangible (i.e., reaching out to others) that need our attention. Father Dan stated the St. Francis Pastoral Council and Joint Council need to focus on energizing new people to join our church community.

At the Joint Council, Father Ed discussed *Just Faith* session that will be held on Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at St. Francis Xavier College. Pastoral Council Members agreed to put the information in the St. Francis bulletin and stated Corey Huegen will have it put on the Facebook site. The next Joint Council Meeting is November 15th, 2018 at St. Rose.

New Business

Christmas Gift:

Jackie shared a website that allows the Council to design our own St. Francis bookmarks. The cost for 2000 for bookmarks is \$131. She showed a sample design with St. Francis Church on the front and the prayer of St. Francis on the back. The group agreed to research additional pictures/design ideas for the bookmark.

Father Dan mentioned there are ornaments remaining from the Church 150 celebration years back. Pastoral Council Members agreed to offer them to Marilyn Buscher of the Welcoming Committee as future gifts.

Church South Entrance Handicap Accessibility:

Father Dan shared the June 2010 architectural drawings of the proposed south entrance handicap accessibility renovation. He stated that he has not secured new bids to date. Father Dan requests the Pastoral Council Members first continue to socialize the idea to build interest among the church community.

Vocations Raffle Tickets:

Ken and the Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for the Vocations Program. He shared the tickets will be available after Mass on November 4th, 2018, following the special Vocations celebration.

Pastor's Report:

Father Dan mentioned on the southwest corner of the old cemetery there are six unmarked graves. Ribbons are being added for each to memorialize the unidentified members.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Parish Rectory.

Carrie Trame will lead the opening prayer.