

St. Francis Pastoral Council Meeting

5/9/2019

Fr. Dan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Those in attendance: Fr. Dan, Deacon Steve Aubuchon, Amy Strubhart, Beth Hollenkamp, Marvin Ratermann, Ken Haselhorst, Diana Koch, Ryan Faust, Jackie Chiarolanza, Troy Pingsterhaus and Carol Imming.

Absent: Carrie Trame

Amy Strubhart noted the evening's 6:00pm St. Francis Pastoral Council meeting will be only one hour to accommodate the Joint Council Meeting at 7:00pm, hosted by St. Francis Council.

Old Business:

Minutes approved from 4/11/2019 by Ryan Faust and seconded by Diana Koch.

Vocations Ministry: Ken Haselhorst said that the National World Day of Prayer is May 12, 2019. The Knights of Columbus is funding a Vocations-related insert for each bulletin.

Church Handicap Ramp Update: Fr. Dan said that the St. Francis Finance Council met and a project team was formed. The team is now coordinating efforts with an engineering team. When ready, the plan will be presented to the Belleville Diocese to receive approval of the project.

Our Sunday Visitor Program Update: Amy Strubhart confirmed a contract has been signed to kick-off the Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Program the weekend of September 7th & 8th, 2019. The Program will last seven weeks. The Pastoral Council has assigned a team (Beth Hollenkamp, Ryan Faust, Amy Strubhart) to coordinate the preparation activities with the OSV team. The goal of the OSV Program is to increase excitement and commitment across our Parish.

St. Francis Parish Mission Statement Update: The effort to update the Parish Mission Statement is on hold as the OSV Council team works the preparatory Program activities. The Council anticipates various rebranding efforts will be accomplished through the OSV Program.

St. Francis Mission 2020: The next St. Francis Mission is now scheduled for May 2nd - 7th, 2020. Father Pete Schavitz will lead the activities and focus on the topic of “Sacrament”.

New Business:

Unsung Hero: The Pastoral Council discussed the process for nominating individuals. It was noted there were individuals nominated in the past who were not selected. The Council agreed to document a more formal process and schedule to share with the Parishioners. The Council agree to develop a nomination form and post it to the Parish website. One time Facebook and bulletin entries will then direct Parishioners to the website. Nomination forms (once available on the Church website) may be submitted at any time throughout the year.

The nomination forms will be retained for one year following the nomination date. All nomination forms eligible for review based on the one-year retention period will be evaluated during a Council-selected period.

The Council members will work to prepare the form, bulletin, Facebook and website updates over the next month. Any nominations received previously will no longer be valid and the new process will begin once the new nomination form is posted to the St. Francis Church website.

Pastor's Report: All the parish lighting has been updated to LEDs through an Ameren sponsored program. Parishioners have taken all the smaller, used light bulbs. Another Parish is planning to pick up the remaining, larger fluorescent bulbs.

Marvin Ratermann led the closing prayer, a Hail Mary. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be 6/13/2019. Troy Pingsterhaus will lead the opening prayer at the next meeting.

