

Pastoral Council Minutes

6/13/19

Opening Prayer – *Our Father* by the group.

Pastoral Council members in attendance: Fr. Dan, Amy Strubhart, Ryan Faust, Marvin Ratermann, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Carrie Trame, Beth Hollenkamp, Diana Koch, Ken Haselhorst, Troy Pingsterhaus.

Members absent: Carol Imming and Jackie Chiarolanza

Upon motion by Deacon Steve and seconded by Ryan Faust the minutes from the 5/9/2019 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Vocations Ministry: Ken Haselhorst reported there is not much going on since the last event which was held on the same weekend as Mother's Day.

Church Handicap Ramp Update: Fr. Dan reported the Professional Committee has responded to the Finance Council and dialog will start soon. Things are definitely moving along, but he also mentioned that when the plan is fully ready, it will be presented to the Belleville Diocese to receive approval.

NVC Youth Ministry Leadership Trip is set for July 7-14. At the masses on June 29 & 30, Fr. Dan and Deacon Steve will offer well wishes to Kylie for her upcoming trip.

Welcoming Committee: The council discussed the church's role in welcoming new members of the community. The Village of Aviston Welcoming Committee currently gives new residents a form to fill out. The form is then submitted to the St. Francis Parish Office. Milissa Faust has contacted some of the new residents who turned in their forms, welcoming them to the community and offering information about St. Francis. The council selected Diana and Ken to lead welcoming activities for the council during the duration of their council terms. Amy provided Diana and Ken the forms submitted over recent months, and they will make contact with the residents who have not yet been contacted. Diana and Ken will also collect future forms turned-in to the St. Francis Parish Office and make initial contacts on behalf of the Parish.

Increasing Excitement/Participation with Parish Young Adults. Beth provided a report on a gathering that took place on June 11 between four Pastoral Council members and a handful of parishioners around ages 21-35. The council members discussed the upcoming OSV program, intent to rebrand, redoing the mission statement, the Mission in 2020 and the financial state of St. Francis. The group discussed how to increase excitement for the church among this particular age group. The feedback included, but not limited to: Catholicism on Tap targeted to and hosted by young adults, child-focused masses, and developing an app to post upcoming events. There was a significant amount of brainstorming and ideas exchanged. The council members will be coordinating another session to continue the conversation.

Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) Program Update: Ryan provided an update on this topic. The St. Francis Parish OSV theme is going to be *Faith in Action*. The council will be seeking a lay witness to proclaim their faith journey at the masses on Commitment Sunday, September 7 & 8. The council reviewed the program brochure that will be mailed following Commitment Sunday and discussed various updates. The council also discussed plans to update the church website in accordance with the rebranding we are accomplishing with the OSV

Program. The council also talked about an update to the Church Mission Statement. All of the updates will be shared with the parish between August and October 2019 in the form of church bulletin updates, dialog in mass, and church mailings.

Unsung Hero Update: The council discussed the frequency by which someone can receive the award, time limits between nominations, and if nominations can be made posthumously. The group agreed members can receive the award at various points throughout their lifetime as they may accomplish Unsung Hero-level activities numerous times. Because there is no perfect formula for determining Unsung Hero-level activities, determinations will be at the Pastoral Council's discretion. At this time, the Pastoral Council decided members cannot be nominated posthumously as the council requests this award be provided during members' lifetime.

St. Francis Mission 2020: Father Dan reported that Colleen Harper has agreed to be the lead of the Mission currently scheduled for May 2-7, 2020.

New Business:

Master Server Criteria: A council member shared a concern voiced from a parishioner about Master Server's criteria. Deacon Steve stated each server has received a guide which documents Master Server criteria. To be titled a "Master Server", the server must be present 60% of the time they are scheduled to serve with participation raised to 100% by volunteering at masses for which they are not scheduled. However, servers do not receive credit when they are unable to attend but have a substitute. Servers must also be in 8th grade or high school and exhibit proficiency. Deacon Steve explained the criteria to the council and the council decided that future concerns need to be directed to Deacon Steve.

St. Meinrad Trip: Deacon Steve provided an update on the Master Server Trip to St. Meinrad which took place the first weekend of June 2019. Deacon Steve stated 6 Master Servers along with sponsors were in attendance. They toured St. Meinrad and shared evening prayer with the monks. Overall, the trip went very well, and Deacon Steve hopes to make it an annual event.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Dan reported the Finance Council is moving forward with the columbarium at the cemetery. He also stated a company will be at the church starting 6/17/19 to re-touch the gold on the ceiling above the tabernacle. The gold is starting to turn copper and it is starting to spread. There will be scaffolding up for about a week.

Troy led the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be 07/11/2019 under the lower pavilion at the Aviston Park. Troy will lead the opening prayer at the next meeting, and Carrie will lead the closing prayer.