

Pastoral Council Minutes

7/11/19

Opening Prayer by Troy Pingsterhaus.

Pastoral Council members in attendance: Father. Dan, Ryan Faust, Marvin Ratermann, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Carrie Trame, Diana Koch, Ken Haselhorst, Troy Pingsterhaus, Jackie Chiarolanza and Carol Imming.

Members absent: Amy Strubhart and Beth Hollenkamp

Upon motion by Ryan Faust and seconded by Troy Pingsterhaus, the minutes from the 6/13/2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

Old Business:

Vocations Ministry – No new activities (Ken Haselhorst)

Church Handicap Ramp Update – The professional steering committee will be having another meeting and then will be able to move forward with drawings and sending to diocese for approval. (Father Dan)

Council Welcoming Committee (Ken & Diana) – Using the form utilized by the Village of Aviston Welcoming Committee, Ken and Diana are calling new residents to follow up with them. Diana has called several and left messages. She will reach out again via calling and texting. The council decided to add email address to welcome form. Diana reported she will be forwarding names of new families that would like their homes blessed to Father Dan, Deacon Steve and Deacon Charlie. She will also be forwarding individuals that wish to work the picnic to Kevin Litteken and Kevin Burton for follow up.

NCV Youth Ministry Leadership Trip Follow-Up – The council decided to extend an invitation for Kylie Stockman to speak at our next Joint Pastoral Council meeting on August 13. She spoke at the 9:30 mass on June 30 to thank people for giving her this opportunity. Her conference is July 7 – 14.

Joint Parish Feast of the Assumption Mass – The mass will be held at 7 pm on August 15 for the parishes of St. Rose, St. Felicitas, and St. Francis. The location of the mass is outside just east of our parish school church in Aviston in the open lot. Deacon Steve AuBuchon agreed to coordinate the celebration.

OSV Program Update – Our Sunday Visitor program is a seven-week program with kick-off weekend being Sept 7-8. The OSV committee is in search of a lay witness or witnesses to tell the congregations their faith journey(s) at the masses that weekend. The committee compiled a list of possible individuals that may be willing to share and will approach them in the very near future. (Carrie)

The OSV staff provided the committee with verbiage that will be published in our bulletin and our Facebook page to make parishioners aware of the upcoming program. These will be used a week prior to the kick – off weekend. (Ryan)

The council discussed updating the parish website. The OSV committee would like the graphics of the parish website to match the theme that will be used during the OSV program and in the future of

our parish. The council examined the different options of the website update and decided to revisit the topic in the near future.

The “Faith in Action Initiative” was approved as our title which will be used in all materials of this program.

The OSV committee has another meeting set up with a group of young adults in the parish. The group has been very open and forthcoming with opinions and ideas on to better serve our younger parishioners.

Unsung Heros Program – The council decided to add contact number and email address of the individual submitting the nomination form. It was also discussed to publish a bulletin and parish website announcement as well as a Facebook post to educate the parishioners on the purpose of the award.

Carol showed the committee a photo of a possible plaque to be used for the names of the Parish’s Unsung Heroes. The committee approved and she speak with Recognitions to begin the process of production.

St. Francis Parish Mission Statement Update

The council updated the St. Francis Parish Mission Statement and will share it with the Parish between August and October 2019 in the form of church bulletin announcements, dialog in church, and parish mailings.

New business

Pastor’s report

The gold leafing project above the tabernacle has been completed. It was showing some black blotches from some chemicals leaching through. The technicians applied a sealer then the gold leaf and then another sealer. When the church was repainted, the ceiling did not need it and the diocese liturgy people wanted us to cover it with blue paint and star specks.

Father informed the council of the restoration of an old garage located on the former hospital lot east of the parish school. This garage will provide much needed storage space. The garage will house non-picnic items.

The Finance Council approved the purchase of the columbarium. Once the diocese approves the purchase, it will be ordered. The columbarium will be 7 ft tall with 6 rows. The completed columbarium has 144 niches each of which can potentially hold two urns. The cemetery fund, not the general fund, will be used for this project. By law those funds can only be used for the cemetery. The construction is anticipated to take several months to complete with an anticipated completion in December.

The next meeting will be August 8 at 7 pm under the lower pavilion at the Aviston Park, weather permitting.

Closing prayer by Carrie