

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, January 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary DeFoe (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Craig Hohlfeld (SA), Bill Madison (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), Brandon Junkans (SH), Anita Tomczik (SH). Absent: Carol Wozniak (SA).

- I. Meeting was called to order by Deacon Steve.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. Deacon Steve reported for the St. Anthony Finance Committee. Committee members present selected Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary appointments and agreed to term limits for each member. Deacon Steve reported that as of January 2nd, 2020 the balance sheet for St. Anthony shows \$11,310.85 in the general checking account. The total of all assets to date is \$1,419,610.00. The committee authorized \$24,000.00 to be transferred from the general savings account to the general checking account to pay for architectural services being provided by Lien & Peterson for the new building project.
- IV. Deacon Steve welcomed new members and explained how the new Joint Pastoral Council will operate. Each member received a copy of the diocesan policy establishing Parish Pastoral Councils and a copy of the *“Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Articles and Bylaws”* from appendix Q of the policy manual.

Each parish council agreed on the appointment of officers and on the term of service for each member. The appointments are as follows:

St. Anthony: Mary DeFoe – Council Chair/Corporate Board Secretary, 2yr term. Greg Montgomery – Vice Chair, 4yr term. Mary Freitag – Secretary, 3yr term.

St. Ann: Craig Hohlfeld – Council Chair/Corporate Board Secretary, 2yr term. Bill Madison – Vice Chair, 2yr term. Carol Wozniak – Secretary, 4yr term.

Sacred Heart: Andrea Olson – Council Chair/Corporate Board Secretary, 2yr term. Brandon Junkans – Vice Chair, 4yr term. Anita Tomczik – Secretary, 2yr term.

It was agreed that the Chair of the parish whose Finance Committee is meeting before the Joint Council meeting will act as Chair for that Joint Council meeting. This way the role is shared by all parish council chairs.

- V. Growing Our Faith Initiative Update: Mary DeFoe provided the committee with an update on the current initiative that began in May of 2016. The Grow our Faith committee has been meeting steadily and continues to develop new initiatives. The group is being mentored by Rich Curran and his Parish Success Group. Numerous bulletin announcements and mailings have been circulated as well as the creation of prayer cards focused on “ACTing in Faith Together” providing ways we can be called to be in a better relationship with God.

The committee formed its own “Small Christian Community Group” as a trial group. Based on the success of that group an initiative was launched to create additional groups. To date there are three additional groups meeting that started in October. A great success! The committee meets again on January 7th to begin looking at what comes next.

- VI. Latin Sisters Grant Update: Deacon Steve informed the committee about the Latin Sisters Grant the Diocese of Superior received and spoke about the role the sisters will have while here. There are three sisters who are all from Latin America and will be serving the Cumberland, Rice Lake, Chetek and Ladysmith clusters. The sisters arrived in December and are already working to learn the Hispanic member of our communities. It is our hope that they will help us better connect with and provide needed sacramental services to the migrant families in our area. Deacon Steve informed the committee the parishes in our cluster will be responsible for contributing \$500.00 per month collectively for support of the sisters while they are with us.

- VII. Health Ministry Update: Mary Freitag provided an update on the Health Ministry Program in our parishes. Mary reported that the Health Ministry Team is made up of six to eight members and volunteers. A survey was conducted seeking information on needs for service and education. The committee hosted a “Living with Chronic Conditions” education series last fall that was well attended. The committee is currently providing free blood pressure checks at all of the parishes. All of the parish CCW & KC groups have contributed for materials. AED’s were purchased for St. Ann’s Parish and for Sacred Heart Parish. A Friends and Family CPR training was conducted last May, and another is scheduled for February 2nd at Sacred Heart following their after-mass fellowship. Fr. Mullen will be doing a presentation on End of Life Planning in April. Mary advised the committee conducts its meetings at Sacred Heart.

- VIII. Building Committee Update: Deacon Steve reported that the building committee for St. Anthony’s has selected an architect to create a conceptual design for the new church. Lien & Peterson of Eau Claire was the architectural firm selected. The committee has met once in December and will meet again on January 9th. The committee is currently setting out priorities for the new building and discussing wants and needs for the building. The conceptual design phase is expected to be completed by the middle of March.

- IX. New Business: Mary DeFoe suggested that the council should have a discussion about staffing at the next meeting.

- X. A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Freitag and seconded by Greg Montgomery. Motion was voted on and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday - February 6, 2020.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton
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