

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 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), Carol Wozniak (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), Brandon Junkans (SH) and Anita Tomczik (SH).

- I. Meeting was called to order by Craig Holfeld.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The Council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting of January 2, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Greg Montgomery and seconded by Andrea Olson. Motion was voted and approved unanimously.
- IV. Deacon Steve reported that the St. Ann Finance Committee did not have a meeting as scheduled due to a lack of quorum. Deacon Steve did report that the current balance sheet for St. Ann's, as of February 6, 2020, shows a total of \$76,300.65 in total liabilities and equity with \$16,329.36 in the primary checking account and \$25,931.76 in general savings.
- V. Growing Our Faith Initiative Update: Mary DeFoe reported that the Grow Our Faith committee met on January 7th. The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussions to advance initiatives beyond the current small Christian Communities that are currently meeting.

One new event to begin on Friday February 28th is a "Family Movie Night" to be hosted at the St. Anthony Parish Center. The event is meant for young families who want to come together for a family appropriate movie and social time together. The current plan is for this event to occur monthly on the last Friday of the month. Popcorn will be served.

A regular meeting schedule for the committee has been established. The committee will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Center.

- VI. Latin Sisters Grant Update: Deacon Steve informed the council that representatives of the participating parish clusters, representatives of the diocese and the sisters met with Bishop Powers on January 14, 2020 to discuss 1st year objectives for the sisters.

First year objectives include:

- Creating a calendar and communications process among the sisters and cluster leadership.
- Acclimation of the sisters to the area/learning to drive and obtaining drivers licenses.
- Providing RCIA in Spanish for adults and inviting families into cluster religious education programs.
- Inclusion of sisters in various cluster activities and events.
- Becoming more proficient in speaking English.

VII. Health Ministry Update: Mary Freitag reported that the Health Ministry committee met Tuesday, February 4th.

CPR/AED training was held on February 2nd at Sacred Heart. 18 people attended the training. It was a great success and the training will be offered again in the fall.

The committee is planning a session on preparing for end of life issues on April 19th, 2020. Fr. Dennis Mullen will be presenting. Information will be presented to the Catholic Herald.

A health fair is being planned for in the fall.

VIII. Building Committee Update: Deacon Steve reported that the building committee met with Lien and Peterson Architects on January 9th to begin laying out a conceptual design for a new church at St. Anthony's. There were a lot of ideas presented at the meeting. Lien and Peterson took the information collected from that meeting and drafted an initial design layout for the committee. The committee met on January 30th and reviewed that design. Changes in the design were discussed and compiled for further review and discussion with Lien and Peterson. We will be meeting again with them on February 13th, 2020.

IX. New Business:

a. Discuss Parish Office Staffing-

The question was raised if the parish office has sufficient staff to carry out its mission with only two part-time people engaged in faith formation. The primary concern with staffing, or course, centers on the parishes ability to afford increased staffing levels. Responsibility for evangelization, specifically, falls on the people of the parishes. Parish staff are to help in providing assistance and resources to that end.

Further discussion centered around the “mission” of the parishes and the lack of a “mission statement” to provide direction. It was decided that a day should be set aside in April or May for the Council to meet and explore the creation of a mission statement.

b. Recognition event for past council/committee members-

Deacon Steve advised he would like to have an event of some kind to show our appreciation for those who have served, and are serving, our parishes on finance committees and pastoral councils.

Discussion among the group was supportive and it was suggested that we reach out to “The Gables” in Turtle Lake to see if they could host an event for us on a weeknight.

c. Lenten Calendar/Events-

Deacon Steve provided the council with a copy of the 2020 Lenten Calendar and highlighted some of the events that are scheduled for Lent.

- Lenten Mission with Deacon Steve Kramer is scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd at St. Anthony’s. An introduction video is available on the website and on our Facebook page.
- Grades 6-11 are attending a Youth Rally in Rice Lake on March 4th.
- Deacon Greg and Elaine Ricci are doing a program on select Fridays and Sundays during Lent called “No Greater Love”
- Mary Modjeski is leading a Tuesday morning study group entitled “Reflections for Lent 2020”
- The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday March 31st in Superior.
- The Easter Triduum will be held at St. Anthony’s this year.

- X. A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Madison and seconded by Brandon Junkans. Motion was voted on and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday - March 5, 2020.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton
Parish Life Coordinator