

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL

“The Holy Spirit transforms and renews us, creates harmony and unity, and gives us courage and joy for mission.” Pope Francis

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 PM

Members: Father John Forbes, Erica Davis, Edith Kaylor, Ann Lambrecht, Christine Mimms, Joe Ptaszek, Beth Renwick, James Richmond, Jeff Sylvester, Eric Westley, Deacon Guy Berry

Excused: Sharon Landers, Mary Beth Griswold, Fr. Javier Castrejon, Fr. Philip Johnson

Opening Prayer

Approval of March Minutes (approved via email prior to April 10 session)

Old Business

Stewardship Council Status Report: Ann Lambrecht reported that Carolyn Gale will lead the development of the council and the task force will discontinue but Ann and Joe Ptaszek will continue on the council to help. Carolyn will work with Father John Forbes to establish and grow the council. Joe Ptaszek reported that Carolyn may opt to grow the council more slowly than discussed at the last meeting by not gathering all ministries at once, but working individually with the groups to support them. Recruitment is ongoing. Fr. John approved this plan.

Final Steward Updates to 2017-18 Annual Plan

Hospitality Proposal: The proposal for a Hospitality Ministry was presented as part of the agenda and submitted to Fr. John, who shared his perspective that hospitality initiatives are improving. He noted a more welcoming environment, the number of social events following certain liturgies and more greeters doing a better job. Deacon Guy offered a card from another church used for visitors, prayer requests, and ministry opportunities.

Catholic Resources for Living Proposal: A proposal was presented as part of the agenda drafted by the stewards of several annual plan goals

with similar evangelistic objectives. Beth Renwick suggested using a rack to present/provide information brochures, cards. Discussion considered what kind of rack and where to best position the rack in the gathering space. The proposal also included a recommendation for tables for the gathering area to hold literature. Fr. John reported that similar stations along a wall at his previous parish did not appear to be a good option and that he preferred a wall rack. Dcn Guy noted that Our Sunday Visitor provides the racks and the brochures. Beth responded that the group had included the Our Sunday Visitor option. Beth further requested Fr. John's approval of additional links on the parish website to information on the faith and sensitive or controversial issues. Fr. agreed to consider the list but warned that there are sometimes links on certain websites that lead people to other links we would not promote.

New Business

Nominations for Three-Year Terms 2018-2021: An announcement has been placed in the bulletin soliciting volunteers for the four open positions. Applicants are directed to contact Secretary Eric Westley via email. Terms expire in June and new members are installed in September. The process to be followed is for names of candidates to be forwarded to Fr. John. The process of appointment/election has not been finalized. Decision will be based upon number of applicants and Fr. John's determination of the best approach.

2018-19 Annual Plan Draft Elaboration and Discussion: The first draft of the plan was reviewed and accepted. The first section, "Growing closer to God through the Sacraments" goal had not been identified. Discussion held to formulate this goal.

Goal – Strengthen our experience of the Sacraments.

Objective 1 – Introduce a new program for Baptism Preparation

Objective 2 – Recruit three couples for a new Marriage Preparation program

Objective 3 – Offer special opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those in Faith Formation

Objective 4 – Hold a Mass with communal Anointing of the Sick twice a year (Spring and Fall) once during the day and once during the evening

Objective 5 – Hold a Blessing of Marriages at significant anniversaries in concert with the Diocesan Mass for Marriages at certain milestones.

Timing of objective 4 with the World Day of the Sick and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was discussed.

Updates/Announcements from Members

Pastor's Report: Our status with BAA is that we are close. The level of participation is unknown at this time. The budget is on track. There are alarm issues that are being addressed. Father Joseph Vetter has died and Fr. John announced the death of Diocesan priest, Father Joseph Vetter and asked for all to remember him in their prayers. Beth Renwick offered that Fr. Forbes homily on kindness was well received.

Member Questions/Comments

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:45pm

Upcoming Dates:

Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday June 12, 7:00 PM

Note: Catholic Resources for Living and Hospitality Ministry Proposals were provided with agenda and should be considered part of the record of the meeting.