

Pastoral Council Meeting

July 2, 2019 Minutes

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Becky Adamski-Krische, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, Kris Miller, Chris Woodford and Matt Krische.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on July 2, 2019, at 7:06 PM.

Rev. Jazdzewski informed the council that Michelle Bowe resigned her position as DRE. There will be further discussion about how to thank Michelle for her 15 years of service to the Parish.

Rev. also reported that after the mail appeal to update parishioner information, the number of active households is now just over 550. Most parishes with that number do not have 4 Masses a weekend.

Rev. Jazdzewski offered a prayer to start the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes/notes from the June meeting were approved via email and posted on the website.

Updates:

Education Committee: Matt reported on their meeting earlier this evening. Thoughts regarding the DRE position included questions: Full- or Part-time? Is there a qualified someone from the parish who might step up? Rev. will share with congregation this Sunday. The hope is to find three candidates to review/interview. The EC is continuing to review surveys; best day of week for Rel. Ed. is Wednesdays, according to 60% of respondents; for younger students, parents would like weekly correspondence regarding classes, so they can engage their children; they want to encourage older students to share with their families; Parish Faith Night topic suggestion by 42% is for Understanding the Mass; now may be a good time to bring some topics down to basics for teaching and refreshers on Mass.

Security: Mike Bauer & Paul Beutz walked through the building and have mapped a security system that could work well for the parish. Cameras, updates to the PA system, buzzers to allow entry are features being considered. The plan is to use expertize from within the parish as much as possible for installation and maintenance. In churches, plans are formulating to train ushers/greeters to watch for suspicious activity and to plan for medical or other emergencies. Next meeting is Aug. 6.

Family Life Committee: Kris reported. Final plans are being completed for the 20th Anniversary Celebration at Lazy Monk. The KCs will be grilling brats & hot dogs. Pretzels & half sheet cake will also be served. Time is 5:00-7:30 pm, July 13. Screen Update: Still waiting to hear back from those contacted. Scrap prices range from \$1.15-1.47 for bronze or brass. The steel frame scrap price is less. Jeanne Reber will be resigning from the FC this summer. We thank her for many years of devoted service to the parish though this committee.

Community Concerns Committee: Elaine reported. They have not met since April. Elaine will have the volunteer opportunities information ready for the photo sessions this fall.

Sacred Worship Committee: No report.

Finance Council: Rev. reported. The council discussed Catholic Charities' (CC) move into the rectory. Now state approval must be made. Mike Woodley will serve as general contractor for improvements, which will be paid for by CC. Options for new tenants for the SH convent are being explored. The FC has chosen to have a parish listening session about parish finances on a date to be determined. A prospect for the convent or St. Patrick's school building was brought to our attention by Commonwealth Development and they reached out to Dan Marx to discuss this possibility.

Hearing & Feeling: Have been & will be included below in comments as topics are discussed.

Old Business:

- Screen Update: above
- Parish Council Vacancy: Members will approach/invite and Rev. will follow-up with those people.
- Adopt a Planter: still looking for volunteers.
- Consolidating Masses: Discussions continued. Members are sensitive to needs/desires of parishioners, as well as financial ramifications of changes, equality between campuses, alienation of people, volunteers, and community, plus immediate and longer term (3-5 years) needs & benefits. Biggest issue is that neither campus wants to lose a Mass. Changing incrementally was considered, as well as dropping down to 2 or 3 Masses. Further discussion also included a desire to improve the weekend experience; for whom is the parish in existence? How do we allow time for people to adjust? Should there be differences in Mass styles, appealing to traditional, contemporary, youth? Ultimately we want to build a community life that engages God and one another. Maybe we should strive to re-energize the people then change. Decision was made to revisit the issue at the August meeting, after PC can continue dialogue with parishioners and attend the Rebuilt session on July 16.

- Rebuilt group met on June 30 and will meet again on July 16.

New Business:

- Nature Charter School opportunity for SH Convent.
- Hospitality will be addressed by Rebuilt in two weeks.
- Cemetery Board discussion continues. Sharon and Gary Ida currently oversee cemetery issues and follow policies and procedures. Possibly need 2-4 people to meet 2-4 times a year to review and recommend to the parish. Those people could work to improve communication regarding cemeteries: notices in the bulletin/website; signs, papers in tubs or reminders posted at the cemeteries.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:26 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.