

Pastoral Council Meeting

February 4, 2020 Minutes

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Laura Miller, Kris Miller, and Elaine Carlson. Chris Woodford was excused.

The PC meeting was called to order by Elaine Carlson on February 4, 2020, at 7:03 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski read this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew and led the opening prayer to begin the meeting.

The PC welcomed Cindy Estrada. She is discerning an invitation to join the PC or Education Committee.

Committee Updates:

Finance Council (FC): Elevator reality is out. Letter to members for funding appeal is being drafted and may be mailed later this week or early next. The FC is discussing a stewardship campaign, since giving to the parish is an important part of belonging and fiscal responsibility is part of that. The rental agreement with Catholic Charities has seen resolution and is moving forward. The budget is in the black and the plan is to stay in the black. The parish has already seen benefits in relocating in significantly lower utility bills.

Did anyone receive feedback on the Elevator Project Announcement?

-The events last Saturday demonstrated a real need for an elevator at Sacred Heart. When power was out at the St. Patrick campus, SP church was cold and dark. The decision was made to travel to SH church, so the 4:00PM Vigil Mass was moved up the hill. There was someone in a wheelchair, who was helped into the church.

-People questioned where past funds already raised for the elevator were spent. In the 2007 Capital Campaign, money raised for the elevator was used for other projects. Deficit budgets also ate into project funding. Bottom line is that no funds remain.

-Some feedback was that parishioners were pleasantly surprised that the bid was for less than \$300,000.

-Rev.'s remarks and presentation on the Elevator Project were uploaded to the website by Sunday evening, Feb. 2.

Family Life Committee (FLC): Kris Miller reported. FLC has not met. St. Patrick's Day celebration is on hold for this year. No comments heard after Masses. We need to evaluate functions. We need to have events that foster fellowship and promote communal bonding. We also need events that help the parish raise money. Ideas are welcome for ways to gain members to committees.

Education Committee (EC): Cindy Estrada is investigating serving on EC and/or PC; both may be too much. PC reviewed minutes provided from the last meeting, 1/14/2020.

Community Concerns Committee (CCC): Elaine Carlson reported. The CCC met on 1/20. Roughly \$1,700 was raised with Souper Bowl Sunday collection. It is a bit short for programs that CCC hopes to support. There will be an appeal to the parish, or possibly invite parishioners to sponsor a student for a school year's worth of weekend meals. Beacon & Sojourner Houses are having trouble getting volunteers. Rose's comments in the bulletin on Beacon House were eloquent and may encourage people to join that ministry. Members are working out details about who might witness/speak at Masses one weekend. CCC will approach Rev. once plans are more formed.

Sacred Worship Committee (SWC): meets next week. Myrthe will forward any minutes to PC.

Old Business:

-Update on Plans for Parish Center: No new news. Mike Larabee is leading that committee. When deciding how to consolidate the two kitchens, input from people who use the kitchens for events, funerals, etc. should be gathered.

-Update on SH renovations: Pastoral Plan had a goal of a new elevator for SH by end of May; and renovations at SH for 150th, which will probably include removing acoustic ceiling tiles, paint, new carpet (is there marble flooring under old carpet?), improvements to sacristy and organ; in addition, considerations would be given to updating sound system, adding hearing loop, air conditioning. As SH is renovated, maybe something needs to be done at SP? Maybe a meeting room off the sacristy into the parking lot. Must strike a balance and do something at that campus too.

-St Patrick Screen: Last week, Mike Sheehan spent his vacation refabricating the framing for the screens to serve as dividers/partitions in the back of SP and by the ramp door. Once the weather is nicer, he will install.

New Business:

-PC seat vacancies: Conversations are ongoing. Parishioners are being invited. Discussion of Diocesan Norms for PC. There is an orientation for new PC members, which consists of being provided with Norms, meeting with the pastor. The website PC list will be updated.

-Major Raffle: Rev. provided his concept of a major cash raffle. Insurance may be available, but none of the insurance agents asked knew of it. Research continues.

-Volunteer Software: The parish has purchased and is now using Ministry Scheduler Pro. It will be implemented and go live sometime soon.

-Bingo was discussed. How much money does it make the parish? The concessions menu is now quite large. Is that decreasing the amount of “profit” from concessions? Mary Allen will know the answers to those questions.

-While initially there was an increase in volunteerism with implementation of the plan, volunteers are lean this time of year (due to weather, snowbirds, holidays). There will be a push for stewardship during Lent. Maybe another Renewal group could be formed? Inviting others to serve along with you is a good way to encourage involvement.

-New Parish Event: discussions are continuing. No new ideas have traction. The bazaar seems to be on hold: no venue, no plans. Mardi Gras themed event will have to wait. A board game night was suggested for possibly the Saturday before Ash Wednesday, but that may be too quick to plan. Dinners with Rev. could still happen later in the year.

-Handicapped Parking at SP, especially on snowy days is hard to discern. When weather is hazardous, handicapped/elderly are not obligated to attend Mass. Maybe a diagram could be published in the bulletin to remind parishioners of parking areas and to encourage us to help others when weather is bad.

-SH Cornerstone: parishioner was concerned that the cornerstone would be covered with the elevator building. The current design does not interfere with the cornerstone.

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

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.

