

MINUTES of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
18 September 2018 6:30 – 8:45 pm

Present: Nancy Dudasko, Jim Hoppe, Paula Hudson, Gracie Kayany, Tammy LeFaive,
John Munnelly, Fr. Ken Schmidt, Colleen Semler, Nathan Whitford (chair)
Absent: Scott Betzler, Janet Ingersoll, Brett Merkel, Gretchen Merkel, Barbara Walters
Guest: Fr. Basker Lopez

The Council approved the minutes of the meetings of 16 January 2018 17 April 2018. Moved by Hoppe, seconded by LeFaive.

The Council approved the draft policy of Donations that creates a Charitable Giving Fund with a couple of amendments. Final version attached.

The Council approved a revised list of annual collections, fundraising events and other "asks" for the parish. They made some suggestions to the proposal prepared by a parish ad hoc committee to significantly reduce the number.

The Council approved a draft proposal with some amendments for distribution of the Charitable Giving Fund for FY 2018-19, based on a 2% allocation of the Sunday collection.

The major change was to designate money to begin a program at the parish to serve breakfast for the hungry on weekdays. This is a fresh idea and there are lots of details to work out, but the Charitable Giving Fund includes money to start it and potentially fund it for a year.

The Council members were in favor of some sort of campaign to raise money for several capital projects, with the priorities being the renovation of Marian Hall and its kitchen, and the church's sound system (and a "loop system for the hard of hearing it doesn't already exist or is in disrepair). It was suggested that Schmidt to ask the Knights of Columbus to consider paying for the replacement of the rectory windows.

The Council would like parish staff to get bids for the projects with some elements broken out in order to assist their making a final decision what to pursue. Then the Council will make a final decision of the projects and the final target, timing, and conduct of a campaign to fund those projects.

After serious deliberation, the Council believed that it is not advisable to plan to re-open the preschool in the coming year. Two major considerations will be the difficulty in attracting all new families to the preschool because those who were there will likely not return due to their children now being enrolled in other programs; and the small number of people served relative to the cost of personnel.

The Council suggested that the space be used in the meantime for other programming, such as a "mother and children" group; and that the space could be returned to its original purpose of youth programming; or we could develop some young adult/ young family programming in the future (for which the preschool could serve as a nursery).

Other comments:

Remember hospitality, warm welcome, happy faces—people make their assessment of a new church in the first three minutes. What do they see and experience at St Catherine's?

Next meeting will be devoted to a review and amendments for the Parish Council by-laws. No date has been set for that meeting.

Rev. Kenneth W. Schmidt, Secretary *pro tempore*