

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Parish Name(s)	St Ferdinand Catholic Church	Grouping: St Ferdinand, St Gregory, Holy Redeemer	
Administrator	Father John Gallagher	Date	10-17-2019
Facilitator	Warren Mathe	Scribe	Penny Blum
Attendees: Name/Parish	Fr. Gallagher, Warren Mathe, Arthur Worst, Pat Gavaghan, Sherry Maudie, Tim Butler, Penny Blum		
Absent: Name/Parish	Rob Frontino, Mike Stack, Diane Becker, Lorrie Schneider		
Attachments:	Agenda: Warren's email dated 10-17-2019	Bulletins: YES NO	Handouts: Yes No
List of Handouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 St. Ferdinand Festival General Report & In-depth Festival Accounting report • List of dates for important events within our grouping • List of dates for Pastoral Council, Finance, and Staff meetings • List of <i>Scripture Study with our Priests</i> on first Monday beginning October and running through August. • <i>Advisory Councils</i> Phase Two-Implementation of the Interim Pastoral Plan Pages 9-12 • <i>Structure of the Interim Pastoral Plan</i> for Pastoral Councils to develop cohesive action steps 		

1	Opening Prayer	Prayer Leader: Sherry Maudie-Scripture Reading Book from Acts and Memorare Prayer
2	Approval of minutes	Pat Gavaghan, Warren Mathe, Tim Butler, Sherry Maudie
3	Minutes approved	Closed on October 29, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

1. Listening Session will be rescheduled. It will be held at St. Gregory Church. The topic will relate to the accomplishments during the first year of transitioning the parishes of St. Ferdinand, St. Gregory, and Holy Redeemer into one cohesive grouping.
2. Homily Recording is ongoing. It was delayed due to Tech person being sick and then a medical issue with Brian.
3. Sound System needs updated or replaced in Oldenski Hall and for the outdoor areas during the festival. Joe Venazindis meets with Pat G. on Tuesday at 10am to review options and costs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sherry Maudie gave a report from the staff meeting held Wednesday, October 16.
 - a. Banner for All Souls Day will be hung in St. Ferdinand Church on October 31.
 - b. All Souls Mass at St. Ferdinand is November 4 at 7pm.
 - c. All Souls Mass at St. Gregory is on November 5 at 7pm.
 - d. Advent's focus this year will be on the explanation of the advent wreath and the 4 candles: Week 1- HOPE, Week 2-PEACE, Week 3 JOY, and Week 4-LOVE.
2. Pat Gavaghan is part of the core festival group. Other core members mentioned were Joe Burkot, Mike Renk, Fr. Gallagher. Pat explained the positive aspects of the 2019 Festival commenting on the 3 days of beautiful weather, the variety of entertainment, and the large tents covering the stage and the table/chairs for patrons who ate and/or listened to the entertainment. By studying the in-depth Festival Accounting report, the core group found areas that may be addressed for the 2020 Festival. (Ex. Possible change from tickets to a punch card, finding ways to cut expenses)
3. Father Gallagher updated Pastoral Council on the sharing of priestly duties.
 - a. Nursing homes
 - b. RCIA
 - c. 2 Christmas Masses at Nursing Homes
 - d. All 4 priests and deacon prepare lessons for the children attending both St. Gregory's School and CCD classes between Masses on Sunday. Each priest has 2 grades a month and coordinates a lesson, at times based upon the teacher's request for further instruction regarding certain topics. Priests do not repeat the lessons they present.
 - e. Fr. Gallagher encourages others to attend the Friday 9:15am Mass at St. Gregory's Church. He said it is a beautiful experience watching/listening to the children's participation in the service.
 - f. *Scripture Study with our Priests* was well attended for the first scripture study given by Fr. Gallagher on October 7 with over 100 people in attendance. On the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm in the church, priests take turns teaching about the next week's scripture readings. The schedule is set through August 3.

4. Fr. Gallagher discussed upcoming events being planned by Kathy Bachik.
 - a. Guest Speaker and Convert, Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic, will be at our church on March 21, 2020.
 - b. During Lent 2020, Kathy is developing a 3-part Parish Mission Renewal.
 - i. A speaker
 - ii. Witness Talks
 - iii. A prayer service with the Praise Band
 - c. Guest Speaker, Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic, has been scheduled to lecture in December 2020.
5. **Year Two of *On Mission for Church Alive*** has started in our 3-parish grouping.
 - a. Our parish grouping is in **PHASE TWO: Implementation of the Interim Pastoral Plan**. One goal involving action steps is to build relationships and foster unity among all the parishes in the grouping. Ongoing discussions include the following:
 - i. Sharing prayer and faith opportunities
 - ii. Sharing ministries and organizations
 - iii. Finding avenues for better communication
 - iv. Providing Hospitality and a Welcoming Spirit for all individuals
 - b. Fr. G. requests that Pastoral Council members take turns attending Staff, Finance, and Temporalities meetings held within our church. Pat Gavaghan distributed dates for each of these meetings. Pastoral Council members are urged to sign up to attend meetings to understand the needs and concerns of each group.
 - c. Other ways to become unified during this phase include:
 - i. Developing one Mission Statement:
 1. St. Ferdinand Pastoral Council developed a rough draft of mission statement for our grouping. It will be sent to Holy Redeemer and St. Gregory's Pastoral Councils for them to edit and revise.
 2. Our rough draft: **As a Roman Catholic parish, we welcome everyone to share and unite in the good news of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate through worship, sacrament, service and evangelization. We freely profess our faith and believe "*With God all things are Possible.*" Matthew 19:16**
 3. Fr. Thomas stated a mission statement should be able to answer the follow the 3 questions.
 - a. Who are we?
 - b. Where are we going?
 - c. How are we going to get there?
 - ii. Parish Survey: Each Pastoral Council was given a survey from the Diocese consisting of 67 questions. The 3 parishes in our grouping have pared the survey to 10-15 basic questions. These questions will be discussed and a simplified version of the Diocesan survey will be distributed to the parishioners for feedback.
6. Closing Prayer: Fr. Gallagher-The Hail Mary
7. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. Tues Oct 22: Finance Council-Patrick
 - b. Tues Nov 12: Temporalities
 - c. Wed Nov 13: Staff
 - d. Thurs Nov 14: PC Work Session
 - e. Mon Nov 18: Core Group Pastoral Council
 - f. Thurs Nov 21: Combined Pastoral Council