

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 5th, 2020**

**Time: 6:45 pm**

**Location: SMIC**

**Attendees:**

**Staff**

Fr. Nathan Reesman

Fr. Andrew Infanger

Jan Kolb

Don Theisen (FC)

**Immaculate Conception**

Catherine Yekenevicz (Trustee)

Harold Siercks (Secretary)

Jean Franke

Kathleen Paul

Kris Deiss (Chair)

Lloyd Uelmen

Mary Swosinski (Trustee)

Mike Falkner (Vice Chair)

Rafael Vela

Wendy Peters

**Saint Frances Cabrini**

Anne Marie Danaher

Cathy Spies

Dave Gugg (Secretary)

Dave Kohlmann (Trustee)

Dave Zimbal

Gregg Jashinsky (Vice Chair)

Joe Vespalec

Lisa French (Chair)

Lynn Corazzi

Mary Herdrich (Trustee)

Randy Lucka

**Joint Meeting Topics:**

- Prayer
  - Fr. Nathan opened with a prayer and reflection on the Gospel passage from Matthew on the Transfiguration.
- Approval of minutes
  - Minutes from February 2020 Pastoral Council meeting were approved as presented.
- Review of options for Faith and Family Fest donor recipient
  - Family Promise was discussed, reviewing its impact on families. It's programs and financial support was reviewed.
  - H.E.L.P. Corner was discussed. It provides medical support equipment to individuals for up to 3 months at little to no cost.
  - Friends Inc. was discussed and how they support local individuals.
  - Jan Kolb discussed some programs she had reviewed. She thought the Washington County Foster Closet and H.E.L.P. Corner could be supported in other ways such as targeted collections.
  - Cedar Community and Albrecht Free Clinic were also brought up due to their support of the local community.
  - The Council had extended discussions on the benefits of each of the organizations and narrowed it down to a vote on two: Albrecht Free Clinic and Family Promise.
  - The Council vote was tied at 7 each. Absent Council members will be polled via email and Fr. Nathan will consider the discussions and results if it remains a tie.
- Updates on hiring process for shared Business Manager
  - The Parish has made an offer to an individual. He has worked with other Parishes and is currently supporting the St. Francis Cabrini School. He is scheduled to start in June.
- Initial feedback / comments on the discipleship survey
  - Several Council members have already taken the survey. No problems with the questions or completing the survey were noted.
  - One improvement would be to clarify to the parishioners on how to find SMIC in the listing of Parishes. It is listed as Immaculate Conception / St. Mary's with no town identifier. A clarification email or announcement will be added to the reminder to complete the survey.

- Potential formation themes for next year (from the Catholic Formation Cmte)
  - Discussed how we might incorporate traditions into the family and faith formation of the students.
  - One example provided was each week a different family taking the image of Mary to the home for the week. This is commonly done in the Hispanic community.
  - A suggestion was made of a monthly topic of a tradition and its history in the Church.
  
- Parish registration reminders in the Easter Season?
  - Parish registration is important to keep our records current as to the members, contact information, etc. especially as people move between Parishes and cities so often.
  - Reminders to the Parishioners will be made to register in the Parish or review and update their registration information.

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**Breakout meeting topics: St Mary's Immaculate Conception**

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- Committee Reports:
  - Stewardship & Barton Outreach – Mike Falkner
    - No Report
  
  - Prayer & Worship – Jean Franke
    - The next meeting in on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - Reconciliation services on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup>. In Allenton on 4-1 from 8AM to 8PM.
    - Stations of the Cross schedule at SMIC and Holy Family.
    - Discussed why we have stopped offering the Cup at communion and stopped the individual Sign of Peace due to abundant concerns with the on-going virus spread.
    - Blessings of the Easter Baskets schedule at SMIC.
  
  - Finance – Whitey Uelmen
    - Finance reports to be available in April.
    - SMIC will probably remove the weekly bulletin entry on the status of the income and budget needs as it does not accurately portray the overall financial statement.
  
  - Faith Formation – Rafael Vega
    - Already discussed added Church traditions into the Faith Formation curriculum.
  
  - Human Concerns – Harold Siercks
    - The Honduras trip went very well. Will be hosting a group from Honduras here in September for 10 days.
  
  - Cluster Council – Kathleen Paul
    - There will be a meeting in Hubertus on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - Looking for representatives for the Deanery. The group meets quarterly.
  
  - Pastoral Council to Archdiocese – Wendy Peters
    - No report.

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  - Finance – Dave Zimbal, Lynn Corazzi
    - Attendance at the school remains good.
    - In March will be discussing long term borrowing needs and strategies.
  
  - Faith Formation – Cathy Spies
    - SFC is discussing how to better promote Youth Mission trips and experiences.
    - The Confirmation retreat will be moved to the fall.
    - The Journey transition to SMIC campus is nearly complete. There will be a Journey Mass at the Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 Mass.
    - Considering 3 Middle School service days, or evenings, to be mentored by the Mission Trip students.
  
  - Human Concerns – Randy Lucka
    - Minutes from the January Human Concerns meeting were handed out.
    - The Haiti trip went very well and information is available on-line.
    - Will be hosting a group from Haiti in September.
  
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  - Together Event – Lisa French

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