

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 8th, 2021

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: SFC Mother Cabrini Hall

Attendees:

Staff

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Carlos Londono	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seminary intern Dominic Lazzaroni	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Immaculate Conception (Term-End)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Yekenevicz (Trustee) 3-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Swosinski (Trustee) 2-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oscar Valladares 1-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Falkner (Chair) 2-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Wenzlaff 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Peters 1-22
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lloyd Uelmen (Vice Chair) 1-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jean Franke 1-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harold Siercks (Secretary) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Paul 1-22	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Saint Frances Cabrini (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (Trustee) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich (Trustee) 1-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Corazzi 2-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Jashinsky (Chair) 1-21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Shera 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimbal 1-21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Lucka (Vice Chair) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy 1-23	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa French 2-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Spies (Secretary) 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Marie Danaher 2-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Meeting Topics:

- **Opening Prayer:** Fr Carlos opened the meeting with the Council reciting the prayer of St. Francis.
- **Review and approval or corrections to past minutes:** The March meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- **Introduction of visitors to the council:**
 - Prospective Pastoral Council members from St. Francis Cabrini were Lysette Kopecky and Jeff Godbout.
 - Prospective Pastoral Council members from Immaculate Conception were Bob Jandre and Mitch Zieseemer.
- **Presentation / discussion on the theological reflection "The Gift of Sunday":**
 - See link: [StudyGuide_English.pdf](#) (archmil.org)
 - Fr. Carlos used the Archdiocese Study Guide on the Gift of Sunday and discussed the key points of each study session.
 - Session 1, The Rest is in the Details, discusses how we, and society, treat Sunday. This demonstrates where our priorities are at. Sunday should be a day of rest and a focus on God and our relationship with Him. We demonstrate our relationship to others through our actions. We should do the same with God.
 - Session 2, Sunday is Natural and Intentional, discusses how Sunday should rescue us from a selfish dynamic. Sunday should provide us a remedy so we may focus on God rather than just ourselves.
 - Session 3, The Sunday Offering, discusses how the Mass provides a way to a relationship with God and each other. This type of relationship can only happen at Mass. It is there that we share the bread of the Eucharist which provides us with a proper resting with God.
 - Session 4, Dying to Rise, shows us the relationship between the death of the Lord on Friday with His resurrection on Sunday. We need reconciliation with God to be able to properly rest with Him.
 - Session 5, The Day of Justice, shows that Sunday should not only give us rest but also gives us a taste of the final joy. The joy we will find in Heaven. That is why we give thanks for all the gifts we have received.
 - Fr. Carlos and the group discussed why we should honor our duty to observe Sunday and focus our attention on God. The group discussed insights they had with reading the Guide and discussions in small group prayer.
 - Several noted how Sunday used to be much more a day of rest with many businesses closed but now it is like all the other days. Fr. Carlos was asked if Columbia was any different. He said it is similar there, with more and more businesses being open on Sunday even though the country is almost all Catholic / Christian.

- **Updates on Spanish Ministry:**

- Fr. Carlos had a number of requests from the Spanish parishioners to move the Mass time up on Sunday. That is why it was moved to Noon.
- When Fr. Carlos first started here he said Mass attendance was 15-20 each Sunday. Now it is about 40. If there is a Baptism or 1st Communion there may be 70. The Spanish community attendance is increasing.
- The Tuesday evening Spanish ministry had 3 to 5 in attendance. How he might have 10 or more so that is also increasing. He thought it helped that they can drop off their children at Religious Education, attend the bible study, then pick up their children afterward.
- Casa Guadeloupe forms a bridge to the larger West Bend community has seen their participation numbers drop off in 2020.
- One way Fr. Carlos has been trying to build a connection with the Spanish community is visiting them at home to recite the Rosary.

- **Updates on prospective members for the councils:**

- The Council introduced themselves to the new prospective members, provided some personal insights on serving on the Council, and answered any questions they had.

Breakout meeting topics: St Mary's Immaculate Conception

- Proxy Letter to the Archdiocese for the Rectory roof work was signed and submitted.
- Mike Falkner reviewed the process of Pastoral Council meetings and committees with the prospective new members. We answered any questions they had about duties. It was noted that in 2020 about the only committee that was active was Finance.

- Committee Reports:
 - Stewardship & Barton Outreach –
 - Prayer & Worship – Mike Falkner
 - Finance – Whitey Uelmen / Jean Franke
 - The stained glass refurbishment / repair project work should be resuming shortly.
 - Faith Formation – Wendy Peters
 - Honduran connection – Bob Wenzlaff
 - Cluster Council – Kathleen Paul
 - Pastoral Council to Archdiocese – Harold Siercks

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Breakout meeting topics: Saint Frances Cabrini

- Update on Brenda Rodefer: Brenda suffered a broken wrist and will be out for the next 2-3 weeks. Staff is seeking additional help.
- Update on Fr. Dennis Dirx: Fr. Dirx has undergone a surgical procedure and will be out until mid-May. Fr. Nate and Fr. Carlos will be covering his responsibilities.
- Update on Little Saints: Fr. Carlos advised Council that Molly Modrzynski, the Center Director, is leaving The Little Early Learning Center on Friday, April 23. Over the last six months she has led a turn-around of the program and staff members. The Assistant Director has begun transitioning with Molly and will become the Center Director. A letter was already sent to families announcing Molly's departure and assuring a smooth transition is underway. As part of Molly's commitment, 6 children have been pre-registered.

Committee Reports:

Council members requested that committee operations be added to the May agenda. With the outbreak of COVID and the suspension of in-person meetings, it is uncertain which committees are meeting (except Finance and School). Council member need to be re-connected with Committee leaders.

- Stewardship – Mike Murphy - No report
- Prayer & Worship – Lynn Corazzi - No report
- Finance – Dave Zimbal, Lisa French – Finance Committee appreciated last month's Little Saints facility tour and reviewed the Center's budget. Anticipation is to have 20+ students by July. Work on the FY 21/22 Budget is still underway and hope to have finalized in April. A new line of credit (LOC) is being drafted with Westbury to provide access to \$200,000. Electrical panels at SFC church may need to be rebuilt or replaced, with potential to be a costly repair but no estimate reported.
- Faith Formation – Cathy Spies - No report
- Human Concerns – Nick Shera - No report
- Cluster Council – TBD as necessary
- School - Anne Marie Danaher – The annual fundraiser, a chance to win a Jeep, is underway and the spring golf outing is coming up. The group is exploring a marketing opportunity as all public schools have a building change as students move from 4th to 5th grades. SFC students do not have this transition, which could be a point of difference for some parents. Anne Marie asked if the kitchen in Mother Cabrini Hall can be used for the upcoming 8th Grade Graduation.
- Pastoral Council to Archdiocese – Randy Lucka - No report
- Together Event – TBD as necessary

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Upcoming meetings: (all 6:45pm)

2020

Thursday, September 17th, Finance Council, MCH

Thursday, October 1, Pastoral Council, MCH

Thursday, October 15th, Finance Council, MCH

Thursday, November 5th, Pastoral Council TENTATIVE, MCH

Thursday, November 12th, Finance Council, MCH

Thursday, December 3rd, Pastoral Council, MCH

Thursday, December 17th, Finance Council, MCH

2021

Thursday, January 7th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, February 4th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, March 4th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, April 8th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, May 6th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, June 3rd, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

(Finance Councils not yet scheduled for 2021)