

Parish Pastoral Council notes: May 27, 2021

1. Ann Klein opened up with prayer.

2. Due to scheduling, Greg Ionna started the meeting portion off with a brief update of the Community Center. He stated that the first three months of the campaign is complete, and that we are 56% of the “way there”. 91 pledges make up the 56%, and a majority of these 91 pledges do not have children in the school.

He then left due to scheduling issues.

3. Father introduced Leisa Anslinger. She gave a talk on the “Beacon of Light” program that the archdiocese has begun. The Beacon of Light is a pastoral planning process that the archdiocese is undertaking due changing demographics.
 - Specifically, Beacon of Light hopes to address the number of parishes that are supported with one pastor. “Everyone is spread thin.”
 - It will also address the declining number of priests.
 - Archbishop Schnurr re-opened the office of pastoral planning due to the reasons described above.
 - Grouping parishes will be referred to “family of parishes” instead of “pastoral regions”.
 - More information on this process can be found at CatholicAOC.org/Beacon
 - As it now stands, Beacon of Light plans to have identified the families by Thanksgiving of 2021.
 - The current estimate is that there will be 65-75 parish families in the archdiocese.

4. Ann welcomed our new members, Jeff Eha and Jody Harvey.
5. This meeting was Mark Engle’s and Sara Wentzel’s last meeting.
6. Father Larry gave an update on the search for a new principal.
 - a. 17 applications were received.
 - b. Only 2 were granted interviews.
 - c. One is being reference-checked now, and if that works out, a job offer will be made.
7. Patrick Leshar summarized the budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year beginning on July 01. He mentioned that St. Columban is doing very well financially, and that the collections have been phenomenal.
 - 1.3 MM in cash now
 - We need to create a restricted reserve of 300K/
 - The final year numbers can’t be reported yet, since there are 2 months left to go in the fiscal year (May and June).
 - A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, and it was approved.

8. Father gave a “new neighborhood” update.

- Drees Homes is developing and building the neighborhood
- The name will be Harvest.
- 109 acres
- 211-220 new homes
- 5 years to build
- A sidewalk to St. Columban will be constructed.
- Entrances to the subdivision will be off SR 48 and O’Bannon Road.

9. There was a brief review of liaison reports.

10. A company in the Netherlands, the was run by a deaf ministry, produced our communion hosts. Father told us that this pandemic literally put this company out of business, and it was the only company in the world that made the hosts that we use. We still have plenty, but will soon have to start getting our hosts from a different supplier.

11. Our next PPC meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2021. Ann left open the (unlikely) possibility that there could always be an emergency meeting called over the summer.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Bush