

Minutes - Pastoral Council

February 20, 2020, Kostka Hall

Present: Eric Leary, Kevin Czerwinski, Ginny Williams, Father Steve Brice, Casey Davis, Deacon Rick Letto, Paul Peterson (Chair), Justine Brilowski, Bob Ostrowski, Mary Ann Krems, Susan Zach (secretary), Jessica Enstad

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm with a song, "City of God"

Minutes of our last meeting and tonight's agenda were approved as written.

1. Discussion of *Christifideles Laici*, Chapter 3 (continued)

Paragraph 34: re-evangelization, problem of indifference, appealing to people of all ages, including to the young (is lack of attendance among the young indifference or developmental?)
New families have said they joined HS because of the hospitality and warmth found here

2. Campus Ministry - Point Catholic

Vision Statement: Honor the uniqueness of each university student and empower them to become disciples ready for the challenges of the 21st century.

Ways to attract college students to Holy Spirit (Jessica Enstad) -

welcoming students in the fall, Bible studies, retreats, meetings with admitted students, involvement fairs at beginning of year, recruiting at social events throughout the year, pizza after Mass, weekly emails, involving the community of students who attend 6 pm Mass.

Bible Studies - 15-20 women come each week, relating biblical readings to their world, very successful (Jessica). Men's Bible study currently has about 3-4 who attend.

150 students filled out a registration card in the pew at Holy Spirit this year. Students can also name a religious preference on information collected by UWSP. Jessica may work with this list too.

Busy Student Retreat - four years ago, 60-70 students; this year 30 students. Numbers are down.

Campus Ministry Committee reorganized just two months ago (Kevin)

Campus Ministry work needs to be central to our parish, not just an add-on (Father Steve). Parish Council should be united in speaking about what Campus Ministry brings to our parish. Some opposition to campus ministry still exists among St. Stan's parishioners (Bob Ostrowski)

Idea: students could reach out to help elderly in the parish, volunteer on Make a Difference Day, for example (Justine)

Students are currently asking Jessica if there will be a space for them within the new Ministry Center, similar to their current space at the Newman Center.

Idea: during Convocation, the week before school starts, we could have a parish picnic to get to know and welcome students on campus (Casey)

3. Building Up-date

Phase I: new Ministry Center

- Will be open for business Feb. 26
- Dedication – 10:00 am Mass, March 8. Bishop Callahan to preside, along with Father Tom Lindner, “notes to the future” will be placed in the new cornerstone

Phase II:

- Decision had been, do we wait for pledges to come in or begin right away?
- We now realize that Phase II projects will fit our cash flow very well. We may be able to accomplish these goals without borrowing any more money.
- The whole project is estimated to end up being \$ 900,000 under projections, in the range of \$ 4 million total.

- Approximate calendar:
May 2020 – heating and cooling
Late summer or early fall – electrical work and new sound system
Late fall - baptismal font, to be ordered soon, will take 7-8 months to be made.
A 3D drawing of the plans would be helpful to show parish members.
Spring 2021 - repairs to the bell tower
Summer – painting of the church

- Placement of pews and pew chairs will be altered to make room for the baptismal font.
- There will be new carpet on the altar; the carpet and tile combination is good for acoustics (Bob)
- Kevin is working with Ellis, building inspector on Phase II preliminaries.

The members of the Parish Council expressed consensus that Holy Spirit Parish should move ahead with Phase II.

Naming of the library –

By a consensus of all members of the Parish Council present, the new library in the Ministry Center will be named The Newman Library. Susan reported that she had brought up this idea while serving on the Nesting Committee, but there was very little if any support for the idea as members felt it would be divisive between former members of Newman Parish and St. Stan’s Parish. Deacon Rick pointed out that there continue to be Newman Centers serving Catholic students at parishes within our diocese and on public college campuses all over the country. By naming our library the Newman Library we are not so much remembering Newman Parish but making a statement about the continuing work our parish will be doing with Catholic college students at UWSP. Jessica felt that this will make the transition from the Newman Center to the new Ministry Center easier for the college students with whom she works.

8:00 pm - Meeting ended after a tour of our beautiful new Ministry Center.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 6:00 pm (one week early due to spring break)