

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

7:15 pm – Saint Philomena Room

I Prayer – Stewardship Prayer

II Roll Call -

Erin Ludwig (Chair) _X_

Kurt Schafer _____

Chris Schafer (Vice Chair) _X_

Paul Smith _____

Lesley Elias (Recorder) _X_

Andrea Wood _X_

Charlie Gross _X_

Amanda Gross _X_

Ed Schafer _X_

Elton Clark _____

Finance Council (Terry Reihl) _X_

Christian Service Commission (Elaine Fox) _X_

Stewardship Liaison (Kathleen Schafer) _X_

Faith Formation Liaison (Sandy Boge) _____

Worship Liaison (Father Tom) _X_

School Commission Liaison (Molly Graham) _____

Ex Officio Father Tom Held (Pastor) _X_

III Minutes - Read & approved minutes from 8/27/19, approved by Chris, 2nd by Amanda

IV Correspondence – None

V Self-Study – None

VI Council/Commission Reports:

Finance Council – Terry Reihl

- Concerns – We are down envelope collections by \$10,000 from last year & have been seeing this decline over the years. We discussed with the group our thoughts from August meeting.
- Only 52% of parishioners were using the envelopes last year, now at 47% (This does NOT include those paying online)
- The CSA Goal of \$49,000 was met. We rec'd a check for \$2,000.
- Recent Activity:
 - o Replacing rectory boiler – almost complete
 - o Updating the rectory entrance – almost complete
 - o Landscaping – mulch is done, working on sidewalk repair
 - o New phone system
 - o A generator was purchased as recommended
 - o Mortar around buildings needs repair. They are still awaiting estimates.
- Updated member of Finance are: Terry Reihl, Rod Schumacher, Leslie Thielen, Matt Brickner, Michelle Esch, John P, Pam Stevens.

Christian Service Commission –

- Rosery Cabinet – so far they have made \$1,400 in profit. They had \$1,500 into it, so it is doing well.
- Old Chapel – Father wants to put in a “grotto” to display statues. This could be a quiet place to pray. Chris made a motion to get bids, will encourage Father to get quotes.
- Doors being locked after mass starts was brought up to them as a concern. After discussion, we agreed that there really wasn’t a current threat & we didn’t feel anything needed to be done at this time.
- Tables & chairs have been purchased for the gathering area. These are used for funeral for the family.

Faith Formation Commission – Sandy Boge

- Faith Formation started for elementary, Wednesday, September 18th
- Faith Formation started for 7-12, Sunday, September 22
- They will be scheduling alter serving schedule for fall instead of spring. Some younger kids have started with their older siblings already. Sandy has dates for October, just waiting to confirm with Father Tom.
- They need to adjust the budget for Faith Formation & VBS, Sandy will be working on.

School Commission – Mary Hauck

- They have 3 new members
- Discussing Take-A-Step. This was something started with Father Cotter. Trying to get others to sign up for things instead of the same parents all the time.
- New projectors are here, just waiting for mounts.
- Alumni Open house – Friday October 11th after the Homecoming Parade. They will have beer, wine, snacks & hotdogs.
- Working on Amazon wish list- a way for people not around to donate
- 6th grade teacher – hoping to have full time filled by November
- Current water issue – Health Department is coming Thursday, September 26th @ 9:15. Our levels are still above the limit. Chris is going to attend, figure out what needs to be done. Chris questioned how old the current well was, records show 1972, but Mary will look into.

Stewardship Commission – Kathleen Schafer

- Time/Talent:
 - o Are other committees needing members?
 - o Do we do another stewardship drive?
 - o Do we hand out another pamphlet?
 - o Looking into a bookmark for the books to have in the pew; including a stewardship message.
- Garden clean-up – by having parishioners do this we saved about \$10,000!! We need to decide how to proceed going forward, do we seek help from each commission?
- Still looking at joint meetings & combining some commissions. Are we better together or apart?
- Erin mentioned having a Facebook group for committees as a way to communicate, Erin asked each committee member to check with their group to get ok.

VII Standing Issues – None

VIII Old Business –

- CSA –
 - o Found some of our envelopes were going to the wrong address
 - o Money was sent direct to diocese, not to parish; thus, the panic for not thinking we were meeting our goal
 - o We agreed this process should be easier. There should be a mast list of addresses the parish gives the diocese – they should be the same list!
- Ask Father to reach out to those coming that may not be practicing parishioners.

IX New Business –

X Announcements/Information –

XI Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 29, 2019