

Pastoral Council Minutes
January 12, 2019 7:00 pm
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Members Present: Fr. Colter, Steve Duppong, Tom Hoag, Katie Schmitz, Bill Mackey, Greg Greazel, Theresa Dethlefs, Brad Best, Doug Christensen, Laura Schaefer

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes from November 2018: No changes suggested/minutes approved.

Old Business:

Next Step 2020: Met 1/15/19

Laura Schaefer reported that there is approx. \$184,000 remaining to pay off debt to Archdiocese. We could carry the debt as interest very low, but team decided to close it out as new expenses typically arise, and we want to get to zero first. Will create brochure/website info laying out the benefits we have seen from taking out this loan by showing the how many we serve (Parish by the Numbers, similar to something Brad Best saw from Prairie Lakes), how many volunteers help out, including all our different groups, and include a message to help us close the loan. Meet again January 28.

Catechesis of the Good Shepard (CGS):

Ultimately the CGS could be 3 levels (2 classrooms per level). Currently have 1 level at Clover Patch. In the fall one more room will need to be added for Level 1 (looking at laundry room in lower level of church- plumbing already roughed in). Mike/Jeff/Francis Bakula can do this update for approx. \$2-3K; Tracey wants all Kindergartners to be CGS in the Fall rather than RE. School board looking at benefits of preschool CGS- would we retain more for St. Patrick School? Must have rooms dedicated to these CGS classrooms (typical size 16x14' space for 10-12 kids). Fall 2020 will need 2 more rooms as current class will be transitioning to Level 2; for that timeframe Peter's Construction estimated \$100K for 2 classrooms downstairs and hallway for fire evacuation, restrooms (1Male, 1Female)- restrooms alone \$40K. Like proximity to the church altar; Clover Patch location isn't the most ideal.

Ankeny/Rockford, IA exclusively doing CGS. St. Patrick, Cedar Rapids in same position we are currently.

Fall Festival/Garage sale potentially could help fund this project; about \$100K left of Hadlock fund, \$15K garage sale available. Don't really want to ask parish for extra money since paying debt on Next Step 2020. Take addition progress slow until we know how CGS goes for our parish. May open up to kids outside our parish but St. Patrick parishioners would have first chance.

Two certified instructors today (90 hours/level to certify). Will need more instructors so need to push out the message and show how can be beneficial for the teachers' growth in their faith. Fr. Colter advised Sarah Burke she can get 10 hrs/wk through CGS. Mention of an open house w/ Sarah perhaps after mass/coffee/donuts, present to different programs, KofC, Catholic Daughters, etc.

This building project could fall under the Facility Use Committee.

New Business:

Facility Use Committee:

Fr. Colter shared there is a need to form a team to ensure we are making the best use of our space and no clash on facility space/usage for all programs, including all facilities (church and school). Team should consist of full-time parish employees but need to have others; open to advice. Steve suggested using something like Outlook where everyone has access to book the rooms and would include capacity per room so could best use space appropriate for your group. Katie suggested an outside source to help evaluate the space, make suggestions and quote. The current users of the space would brainstorm ideas for what they think would be best use of the space and then work w/ the outside source. Tom Hoag mentioned an independent consultant from Wartburg. Greg Marten was suggested by Greg Greazel- he will be contacted to gauge interest. Survey each program to see how space is used today and how it could be used in future- Theresa Detlef and Adam. Fr. Colter will continue to investigate more on this topic and bring back any details to run by the Parish Council.

Finance Committee:

Sacrificial giving is down \$66K for the last 3 mos but only \$23K from overall budget. Is it due to tax laws or Salvation Army being short of their goal? Online giving? Retiree IRA's are "lumpy"; 529 plan in lower levels? Collection through time reflects attendance. Loose change is up; are the same people giving less? Had very good Christmas giving. School relationship has been great with the school over the last few years. "Handling of Cash" document will be completed annually and presented to the finance council. Peter's Construction estimated a few projects we will need in the near future- we will get other quotes also: 1-Upper parking lot - there is a diagram showing exactly what are will be replaced (Tom Hoag)- \$57,540 (concrete and changing from 4 to 6" sub-base)- comment was made that the original installer admitted the sub-base was not done very well last time. Peter's would probably sub-contract if they would get the bid, maybe Martinson. 2- Air conditioning \$58,500- current air conditioning is undersized for size of our building. 3-Sidewalks must fix per city- \$4,300.

Thought is would address the parking lot first, then the air conditioning. Finance council will put together proposal and provide back to Parish Council.

School board:

Main Event appeal raises 2/3 of the money for our fundraiser and 1/3 comes from the actual event. Items needing fixed that will need some attention- pavement patching on playground or replaced. Potentially have blocks w/ donors names etched on them. Catholic School's Week is week of 28JAN19.

Mark Miller not present but sent email after to team: Financial Peace University is on a hold.

Upcoming PC Elections. We will want to get the word out for candidates to be able to get their information in. If needed I could cover a few of the masses if we are going to have someone speak about Pastoral Council.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28pm

Minutes recorded by:

Laura Schaefer