

Pastoral Council Minutes

September 18, 2018

7:00 PM - Commons

Members Present: Father Colter, Bill Mackey, Doug Christensen, Mark Miller, Bob Ames, Mark Hannasch, Katie Schmitz, Steve Duppong, Theresa Dethlefs, Laura Schaefer, Greg Greazel

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes from June & August Meetings: Both were approved.

Old Business:

- **Update re: Next Step Campaign/Debt Retirement:** There was some confusion on what was reported at the meeting on 9/18/18. Regena contacted me and here is her response:

Perhaps it would just be easiest to report that as of 9/18/2018, we had 100 pledges, 26 of them turned in since our kickoff weekend, 74 of them who had agreed to extend their original pledge, for a total of \$155,287 in total pledges against our remaining \$600,000 debt.

The campaign will run through 11/10/18 and mailings/emails have been sent out. Laura states the team will meet again in mid October. They have discussed doing some Q & A sessions and using the bulletin for updates. It was further discussed to maybe put up a thermometer in the Narthex as a nice visual reminder of the progress toward our goal.

- **Archbishop's Campaign Vision:** Father states this campaign has been put on hold for now and there is no need to keep it on the agenda unless things change. He will update us if/when that happens.
- **Discussion re: Upcoming Parish Mission (Retreat):** Father says the retreat will run 11/4-11/7/18. He reports the organizing committee has not met again but he has a good handle on the topics/talks which will take place. He says they will just need to work on the content and then focus on volunteers to help with the various tasks. There are several sessions scheduled as well as meals planned. Father would like to get the youth involved in the retreat as well. He said the Faith Formation committee might be needed to help with the publicity.
- **Review/Discussion of Pastoral Council Constitution & By-Laws:** Father pointed out there is some things in the document which no longer exist. He suggested we

delete some pieces and it was agreed upon to make necessary changes to the documents and present the updated copy for vote at the October meeting.

New Business:

- **Review of committee meeting minutes/comments/discussion:** There was no discussion on any of the committee minutes. Katie did advise the Council they will be doing Radon testing at the school since this has not been done in several years. Mark Miller discussed the Financial Peace University series which will be done at the parish sometime after the Debt Retirement Campaign ends. He reports it is 9/weeks and the cost is covered for 12 units. A unit can consist of a single person or a couple. Therefore, it could be possible for 24 people to attend. The sessions will be 1/week and last 1 – 1 ½ hours. The hope is they get the benefit of the program at the end and then pay for the cost to keep it going. Father suggested Mark contact Suzy so they can look over the entire calendar to find a good time.
- **CVCS Town Hall Meeting:** Father said the date is set for Saturday 9/29/18 from 9-11 a.m. It will be held in the lower level. Tom Novotny (Administrator of CVCS) will be there that day and he will leave it up to Tom if he wants to put some info in the bulletin.
- **St. Patrick Fall Festival:** It will be held on 10/7/18. The committee is using a web based site this year for volunteers to sign up and also for donations. However, they also had the sign-up sheets in the pews again this past weekend. They are trying something new this year where individuals can pre-pay for the meal and it will let them go to the front of the line as opposed to waiting. They will still be doing a dual serving line this year in hopes of cutting down the wait time.
- **Greg's email to Bill on Monday evening:** Greg shared an email he sent to Bill regarding the recent topic of abuse in the Church and the fact he has heard parishioners discussing the topic. He posed some questions regarding a possible response from Father or even the parish leadership. Further, he inquired about prevention and reporting to the Bishop.

Father reminded the Council of the 5 somewhat lengthy articles the Archbishop has had in the Witness recently which discussed this very topic. After some discussion, it was decided it would be best for Father to not respond at Mass. However, he may put something in the bulletin regarding procedures which are in place and also where to locate some information if needed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32 PM



Robert E. Ames, Secretary