

Pastoral Council Minutes
Meeting of June 21, 2022

Present: L. Schaefer, T. Hoag, K. Engels, D. Layton, A. Tomlyanovich, D. Wilcox, B. Ames, T. Dethlefs, J. Rathjen, Monica Boyer, Bill Ludwig, Donna Bash and Fr. Nienhaus

Opening Prayer

Minutes of April Meeting: The minutes of the April meeting were discussed and, on motion, approved.

Welcome of New Members -- Donna Bash, Monica Boyer and Bill Ludwig were introduced and welcomed as new members of the Council. Bob Ames, Theresa Dethlefs and Tom Hoag were recognized for their service as they leave the Council following the expiration of their terms. Their contributions have been greatly appreciated.

Old Business:

Purchase of Property -- The proposal to purchase the property adjacent to the church and school was discussed. We have made an offer to purchase the property at \$975,000. The owner seeks \$1,100,000.

- zoning-type issues remain, including parking, and a requirement that a two-story building be built
- the need to determine additional costs after purchase was discussed. The costs include those related to the staffing and operation of what goes into the building. Ultimately, those expenses may determine whether we would be able to utilize the building for its intended purpose.
- the Clover Patch building has value that could be recognized in a sale, and if it was relocated to the purchased property, the belief is putting that operation next to the school and church in a "campus" setting has a benefit to all parts of the Parish.
- forming a sub-committee to consider the various components of the proposed purchase was discussed.

CVCS Committee -- Columbus is considering a capital campaign, and the impact of that effort was discussed.

New Business:

Committee reports:

Social Justice -- We are re-establishing communication with the parish in Haiti. The church there has a school and a medical clinic and would be a worthwhile place for our support.

Liturgy -- Did not meet

Parish Life -- The committee has been active in its efforts to welcome people and families through a variety of different activities. The committee not able to get things in place far enough in advance to organize and arrange an outdoor mass, but the idea to conduct one of these as a welcoming event remains.

Faith Formation -- No report

Finance Council: The CGS campaign money has been coming in slower than expected. The importance of getting young people involved in the Parish was discussed. The need to encourage contributions was discussed, as were efforts that have included a video presentation, presentations at mass, and an exhibit set up following mass. An additional push will be made in the fall in an effort to increase contributions.

- 15-20 people have been trained to teach CGS
- Vacation Bible School is coming soon

Marilyn Voorhees is a new representative on the Finance Council.

School Board: Preschool enrollment is estimated at 55 and calls are still coming.

- the desirability of greater diversity on the Board was discussed, including the impact that may have on fundraising
- safety planning discussions continue
- the Board is excited about beginning the school year with the new principal, Jon Wiebers.

Development/Marketing -- building interest in the Parish through social media was addressed.

Staff Meeting: Nothing new this month.

Review of Representative to Finance Council -- The finance council meets five times per year, and the involvement of a Parish Council representative was discussed. Donna Bash will be the representative.

The meeting including the current members was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Executive Committee -- The current members were excused and at a meeting of the members of the Council for next year, the following were elected to serve on the executive committee of the Parish Council:

Laura Schaefer -- Chairperson
Justin Rathjen -- Vice Chairperson
Kevin Engels -- Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.