

Pastoral Council Minutes
February 20, 2018
7:00 PM – Commons

Call to Order: Father Colter, Steve Duppong, Mark Hannasch, Becky Mudd, Tom Hogue, Katie Schmitz, Sarah Burke, Theresa Dethlefs

Opening Prayer

Parish Elections

- Pastoral Council, School Board and Faith Formation Commission are elected
- Other committees are able to be appointed
- Consider appointees and candidates and discuss with Regena.

Hiring details: Final details of the hiring of the new St. Patrick School principal was briefly discussed.

Pastoral Council focus: will be focusing on the direction and progress of three main items in the next several months: Debt Reduction, Parish vision or strategic plan and parish mission/retreat and how it relates to the Parish Vision/Strategic Plan

Parish Vision/Strategic Plan: Report back with Drew Conrad & Randy Pilkington – Tom, Father and Roger met with Drew (St. Edward) and Randy (Queen of Peace) regarding a professional opinion regarding strategic planning. Drew is willing to share their processes and strategies from St. Edward and has shared them since their meeting.

First steps of action:

- Steering committee will be formed (goal was discussed of finalizing by May/June.)
- Consider how we will use the information and keep the team accountable as the steps are taken over the next two years.
- Use resources available including involving Dan Rohner at the Arch Diocese office of Pastoral Planning.
- St. Patrick School is also in the early stages of Long Range Strategic Planning. Hopefully these two initiatives can be intertwined to best use the strategies and resources offered by the Drew Conrad/Randy Pilkington meeting as well as Arch Diocese resources.
- Refer to Parish Vision handout for full Drew/Randy meeting notes at the end of these minutes from Father Colter.

Parish Mission (Retreat)- Brief mention that the term Parish Mission isn't easily understood, perhaps refer to it as a Parish Retreat. It was suggested that we gauge the willingness of the Faith Formation Committee (specifically not using Tracy or Rosie) to lead the planning of the Parish Retreat. If Faith Formation is not able to lead the planning, the Pastoral Council will consider appointees to a new committee to plan this event in the coming months.

Debt Reduction Committee: This committee is being led by Laura Schaefer and Dave Guetterman, the committee has met twice. March is projected to be the initial sharing of campaign goal with the parish, June is the expiration of the current giving campaign, September is the initial planned date to present more information to the parish.

- Questions were raised about if there is a plan to allow current givers to extend their gift versus allowing their gifts to expire and then trying to get them to restart in the fall.
- Open discussion regarding the debt reduction committee strategies but was supportive and optimistic of the plans shared by Tom Hogue.

St. Patrick School Fundraiser, The Main Event – The Main Event was on Saturday night, it is the one main fundraiser for St. Patrick School after a few year process to transition to this expected that the net earnings will be approximately \$65,000 between the annual appeal and auction.

Committee Reports:

Finance Council – Tom mentioned there wasn't anything significant to mention. End of June debt should be closer to \$600,000 rather than \$700,000. His hope is that the debt will even be sub \$600,000 by the time the reduction campaign is in full swing.

Volley Ball game on Monday 1/26 6-8pm versus young adult group.

Adjourn

PARISH VISION

My Summary So Far

12/5/18

1. Points from Randy and Drew Meeting

Need steering committee

Need co-chairs (get these first?)

Existing Vision Statement adequate?

Steering committee plans broad consultation, groups and events

Steering committee works out strategies, goals, action steps

Also essential: accountability process

Randy and Drew available to consult

Drew will send copies of St. Ed processes

Get Dan Rohner involved

2. Post-meeting discussion at Market Grille

First need a parish-wide "education" process to stimulate the project

Elements of such an education process, by Fr. C.:

Bulletin articles

Get on agenda of all parish groups

Find appropriate homily-time to address the need

3. Gist of bulletin articles and talks to groups (top of my head)

God's blessings on St. Pat to this point: what we have accomplished

Spiritual initiatives, attendance, registrations, school growth, remodeling, income stability, service projects, debt reduction campaign, etc.

But where do we go from here? What would we like this parish to be like in 5-10 years? What are our areas of concern?

We need to plan, to vision for the future.

A plan means.... (describe the process and encourage participation)

4. Plan the "Mission" to kick off the process

5. Time line? (Of course, open for discussion)

Spring 2018 focus on debt reduction plan

Meanwhile find co-chairs and committee for Vision

Also meanwhile plan "Mission" for early November

After Mission and before Christmas do the pre-education items above

Meanwhile the Vision committee plans the planning

Begin Vision planning events spring 2019