

ST PAUL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2019

5:30 pm

PRESENT: Father Pat Jakel, Martin Klostermann (Chairman), Derek Burns (Vice Chairman), Suzie Gallatin (Secretary), Shirley Bellm, Keith Koch, Marilyn McDevitt, and Jacob Rose

EXCUSED: Mark Rosen, Monica Toennies and Rose Wascher

OPENING PRAYER: Derek Burns

MINUTES: The February 14, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

PULSE OF THE PARISH:

Shirley brought a bulletin from 1970 that she and her cousin helped to print that was passed around and enjoyed by the council.

The Council commented on the wonderful celebration of life funeral for Father Blazine.

FATHER PAT'S POINTS:

Father Pat mentioned that more people have volunteered to participate in the Perpetual Adoration at the hospital chapel. He was thankful and hoped that even more would find some time to do so.

The Capital Campaign continues. The pledge total at this time is 3.2 million. More volunteers to meet with parishioners is encouraged. Several members of the Council again talked about the meetings with parishioners is not just to discuss the campaign but to spend quality time together as well as get to know our fellow parishioners better.

The Church and School Renovation news includes nine contractors who visited the job site and 3 bids secured for asbestos abatement. On the 28th of this month, there will be a meeting of the Building and Property Committee in Springfield to approve the plans. Father mentioned that several members of this committee have retired and that it could use some additional members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws: Approved by consensus and signed. A copy of the signed revised by laws was distributed to the Council. Father noted that the bylaws can be revised as needed.

Martin reported on the weekly weekend Mass count. After 10 weeks, the average is 1169 and that includes two weekends where there was ice and snow. If you take out the high and the low, the average is 1202. The numbers are encouraging.

The annual Catholic Services Appeal pledges remain \$1695 below our assessment.

Ash Wednesday Masses were all well attended with standing room only at the evening Mass. The first Lenten Wednesday evening Mass had a moderate attendance, however, it was not listed in the bulletin.

Pro-Life: Martin gave a report for Rose on the committee's activities.

- Dr. Calvin Bell will speak on Humanae Vitae at our parish on Sun., March 17.
- Women's Prayer Breakfast at St. Mary's in Alton on Saturday, March 30th.
- The Relevant Dinner was well attended and the speaker was great.
- Fr. Pat previewed prolife videos and suggested *Gosnell* be shown at the parish.

Martin reported that the Hospitality Ministers would like to have a second CPR/AED review class. Suzie will make some contacts to see when we can get that scheduled.

Martin passed out some pictures of the big screens used at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Chatham. We would like to see something like this in our church as well.

Discipleship/Stewardship Committee did not meet due to weather so no report.

There were no minutes from the School Board but there was a recap that was reviewed by the Council. Father reported that the All Day Preschool proposal has had a positive response.

NEW BUSINESS:

The three Pastoral Council members completing their three year terms are Rose, Keith and Martin. Rose has decided to not return for a second term. Keith and Martin would like to remain on for a second term. Jacob would also like to continue on the Council.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm

CLOSING PRAYER: Derek Burns