

**ST. PAUL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2018
5:30PM**

PRESENT: Father Pat Jakel, Martin Klostermann (Chair), Derek Burns (Vice Chair), Keith Koch, Rose Wascher, Monica Toennies, Shirley Bellm, Marylin McDevitt, Jacob Rose, and Suzie Gallatin (Secretary)

GUESTS: Dineen Czar (Executive Manager) and Libby Papis (CCS fund raising rep)

EXCUSED: Mark Rosen and Father Adam Prichard

OPENING PRAYER: Rose Wascher

REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Approved as written by consensus.

PULSE OF THE PARISH AND AFFIRMATIONS:

- There was a beautiful funeral service this morning. Father Pat stated that it was his first “outside of Mass” funeral service performed in church. He had performed others at the funeral home but the parishioner had requested that it be done in church.
- It was evident how badly we needed a gathering space recently as the area in back of church was crowded with a baptism family, the voting tripod, the Box of Joy table, and the information on the Spaghetti Dinner among other things.
- The individual praying in the St. Joseph's Chapel was requested by an ER patient to pray with him as he waited for his family to arrive. It was evening so there was no Pastoral Minister available and this parishioner prayed with the patient until his family could join him.
- There has been much conversation on the possible renovations and additions. Many are surprised by the high cost of the proposed campaign.

Fr. Pat's Points: Father included his points in both Old and New Business this month.

Old Business:

- **FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Libby from CCS gave an informative and detailed report on the feasibility study information that she has gathered. Approximately 500 anonymous pew surveys in addition to 40 face to face interviews were used in the report. From this information, Libby reported that it appears that the parish can sustain a 6 million dollar campaign. proposal This includes what the surveys indicated were the most needed items at both the church and school buildings. This is approximately 4.9 million for the church building, 500,000 for the school building and the 580,000 assessment for the Divine Mercy Senior Living Community. Approximately 86% stated that they would be willing to give a gift.
It was noted that we want to be thoughtful and transparent with this campaign with a goal that allows anyone and everyone to come together as a parish in sacrificial, not even giving.
- **AED training:** There is an AED/CPR class of 8 scheduled for November 29 in the evening at St. Paul Hall. Alisa Williams will give the class and The Greg Holthaus Foundation will pay for the course.
- **Active Shooter:** Nothing new to report
- **Discipleship/Stewardship:** The minutes were reviewed and noted that this committee works

on many projects in the parish.

- **School minutes:** None to review.
- **Mass in the park:** The weather was beautiful but attendance was down a little from last year.
- **SPYO Breakfast:** Presales were down but the breakfast was a success and another will most likely be planned.
- **Pro-Life Chain:** This was not attended as well as it has in the past but there were several conflicts on this date. There were 30 KC members and 25 others in attendance.
- **Blessing of Pets at St. Joseph's Hospital:** Father Adam attended this on October 7
- **Campus Projects:** Father Pat mentioned that more of the items listed in the bulletin have now been completed including the boiler pump in the church and the new furnace installation in his house. The Security /Surveillance system in the school is more expensive than first noted. It is now a \$30,000 dollar project but is very much needed in our school.
- **Cemetery Building Project:** The pad is now down for the new building.

New Business:

- **Parish Use Policy:** A Parish Use Policy will be drawn up for the use of the church building for outside use other than church functions. Dineen will work to draw up a legal policy that will include a fee schedule. The Parish Council will review it next month.
- **By-Laws Update:** Marylin suggested that we review the current by-laws and revise them. The council will look at this next month.
- **Pro Life Committee:** Rose Wascher has become the chair of the Pro Life Committee and she has suggested that it become a "Respect Life Team" which will include all life from conception to death and not just concentrate on the unborn.
- **Parish/School Profit and Loss information in the October 21st bulletin:** Father asked Dineen to give a report and an explanation of the profit and loss report from the bulletin where it shows that the parish is in negative numbers. Dineen explained the use of Quick Books which should make it easier to see and to keep the parish liabilities and expenses aligned correctly.
- **October Count:** Father reported that our numbers are down from last year. He is not certain that the counts are very accurate and suggested that we do a year long count and average it. This may be more accurate. This will be discussed further next month.
- **Weekend Mass Schedule:** With only one priest, it was discussed at length the idea of cutting down to only two masses on Sundays. There was a lot of discussion and it was decided to make the following changes beginning the weekend of Dec 1 and 2 which is the first weekend of Advent: Saturday evening mass will be at 4pm and Sunday masses will be at 8:30 and 10:30. Christmas masses will remain the same. All those that need to make adjustments with schedules will be notified immediately. Father will make the announcement at this weekend's masses.

NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2018

CLOSING PRAYER: Rose Wascher