

ST. PAUL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
February 14, 2019
5:30 pm

PRESENT: Father Pat Jakel, Martin Klostermann (Chairman), Suzie Gallatin (Secretary), Shirley Bellm, Keith Koch, Marylin McDevitt, Jacob Rose, Mark Rosen, Monica Toennies, and Rose Wascher.

EXCUSED: Derek Burns

OPENING PRAYER: Marylin McDevitt

MINUTES: The January 10, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

FATHER PAT'S POINTS:

Mark thanked St. Paul School for the \$1700 donation toward the All Abilities Playground and specifically to Father Pat for taking a pie to the face from the third graders who collected the most money.

OLD BUSINESS:

Weekend Mass Count Update: The first weekend of both January and February showed an average of 1370 where our last October average was 1158. Father and the Council feel that taking a weekly average for the year in place of just an October count will be a more accurate count for our parish. The Saturday afternoon Mass consistently has the highest number.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Catholic Services Appeal: The Annual Catholic Services Appeal remains \$5,000 short of our Goal. Father stated that the parish changes from year to year as people move in and out, but he has concerns that a member who has annually given a large sum has withdrawn membership, as they moved out of our parish. We will still need to meet this goal each year. Hopefully others will step up and help.

Capital Campaign: The Capital Campaign meetings continue on Tuesdays if anyone would like to help. Several members of the Council stated that it has been an interesting experience. They have met and reacquainted themselves with parishioners and even found that they could extend some help where they didn't know help was needed. Parish members have been gracious at the meetings and Father is pleased with the pledges so far.

Church and School Renovation: Bishop Paprocki gave permission on February 14th to proceed with preliminary drawings for our school project. Father and others will attend a meeting on March 28th in Springfield to discuss the first phase which is the school renovation. It is hoped that this part of the project would begin as soon as school is out so that we have the entire summer to complete the construction.

By-Laws Update: The Council reviewed the By-Laws and accepted them as they were revised last month with the addition of some spacing changes to make them easier to read.

KC Benefit Fund Raiser/Bishop's Visit and Dinner: The dinner was canceled due to the weather but the fund raiser was still a success. The food was later served at the Queen of Hearts for 5 dollars per plate. All those that bought a dinner were given free Fish Fry tickets to use during Lent.

Lent begins on March 6th, Ash Wednesday. The KC Hall will begin their fish fry dinners on that date. There will be no Queen of Hearts on Holy Thursday.

Pro Life Committee: Rose reported that there has been a good response to the jean collection in February. March 12th is the Relevant Dinner at the KC Hall at 6pm. The theme this year is adoption. On March 17th, Dr. Calvin Bell will speak on Human Vitae at 3pm in the Parish Center.

Hospitality Minister's Duties: Martin reported that there will be a list of First Responders with their pictures available to the hospitality ministers so that they will know who to look for in an emergency.

Discipleship/Stewardship Minutes were read with no discussion.

School Board Minutes were read with no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Search for candidates for the next year's pastoral council. There are three members who will finish their three-year term. They may choose to stay on for a second term. Interested parishioners must submit an application. Father will put a request for interested parishioners in his column in the bulletin.

Although the project is a couple of years away, Father asked for the Council to begin thinking about where we can have Saturday Mass during the renovation. Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, the two Sunday Masses will be held in the KC Hall.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:30 pm

CLOSING PRAYER: Marylin McDevitt