

**ST PAUL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 AT 5:30

PRESENT: Father Pat Jakel, Father Adam Zawadzki, Martin Klostermann, Derek Burns, Suzie Gallatin, Keith Koch, Marylin McDevitt, Shirley Bellm, Monica Toennies and Jacob Rose

EXCUSED: Mark Rosen

GUESTS: Rose Wascher – Pro Life Committee and Dineen Czar – Finance Committee

OPENING PRAYER: Recited by all.

MINUTES: The minutes of July 11, 2019 were approved as distributed.

DISCERNMENT OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2019-20:

Chairman: Jacob Rose

Vice Chairman: Monica Toennies

Recording Secretary: Suzie Gallatin

PULSE OF THE PARISH:

1. The Kirchenfest was a great success both financially and in bringing the Parish and Community together. It is too early to say what the gross and net figures are in total.
2. Approximately 125 parishioners were present for the talk that Deacon Dominic and Seminarian Christopher gave on Sunday, August 4, 2019. Their thoughts were interesting and everyone seemed to enjoy hearing from them.
3. **Under the Mercy**, is an awesome book written by Seminarian Chris Trummer. The proceeds from the sales will all go toward the Capital Campaign.
4. It was suggested that the Extraordinary Ministers and Father Pat rotate where they give out Communion at Mass and Father agreed to this idea.
5. Father was very happy with the help provided to move the school items back into the building. It was accomplished in only 90 minutes.
6. Parishioners like **What's the Buzz** in the bulletin. It provides transparency by answering questions that parish members have with the parish finances.

FATHER PAT'S POINTS:

1. Father Pat introduced Father Adam Zawadzki as our Parochial Vicar. Father Adam will also be spending some time out of the Parish working with the Deaf Ministry.
2. Permanent Deacon Intern Adam Cox, not present, began his work at St. Paul on August 1.
3. Our Capital Campaign pledges have reached a total of \$6,015,661 which is awesome. We continue to work toward the 8 million goal. Letters will go out to the approximately 500 plus households that are contributors but have yet to pledge. There are also about 500 more households that are parish members but who have not contributed in the past three years.
4. The school renovation project has stalled with materials that have not come in on time. As of today, the glass and counter tops are in and all of the classrooms are complete. Father stated that the office area is not complete and we need storage for school desks and other equipment.

5. The Bishop has begun a feasibility study for setting up a Foundation for Educating Seminarians. Presently it takes \$42,000 per year to educate a single seminarian.
6. Our ACSA (Annual Catholic Service Appeal) goal is \$77,000 this year which is dramatically lower than the \$98,000 assessment last year.
7. The tuck pointing of the upper level of the south facade of the Church has been delayed due to all of the rain that we have had this season.
8. November 2/3 weekend, we will have an appeal to help St. Ambrose Parish in Haiti raise money to build a well so that they will have water. The hope is to raise \$5,000 dollars.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The school enrollment of preschool through eighth grade is 212 which is one more than last year. January 25th is the Dinner Auction.
2. The PSR enrollment is 175 this year which is more than 30 students higher than last year.
3. The Restored Order of the Sacraments Initiative begins this year. Third graders through Eighth graders will be Confirmed On February 22nd in two sessions.
4. Family Catechesis and Carline Ministry also begins this year. Religious education will include the entire family whenever possible. The Carline Ministry will do their part to keep Catholic Education ongoing with distributing pamphlets and other educational materials.
5. The Finance Committee and Pro Life Committee have taken the opportunity to join our meeting to report and next month, we would like the Cemetery Board to attend and report.
6. The weekend Mass Count is averaging 1162 per weekend. The Kirchenfest weekend boasted a total of 1589.
7. The Lunch Bunch total this year was 5722 lunches served.
8. Rose reported on the Forty Days for Life, September 25 through November 3rd. The Kick off date is September 18 with Zip Rzeppa as the speaker. Rose stated that St. Paul has all of their hours covered and are providing rides. We may help out other organizations/churches if we have more volunteers and they need help covering their hours.
September 20th is the next Luncheon for Life
October 6th from 2-3 will be the Life Chain held in the grassy area (Old Hospital lot)
9. The Hospitality Minister's update reported that the staffing is good and the pictures of the First Responders is available in the sacristy closet.
10. The Discipleship/Stewardship Minutes were available for review.
11. The School Board Minutes were available for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mass in the Park will be September 15th at 10:45. They will spray this year so that the flies will not be a problem at lunch. The Choir will sing.
2. The Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the school will be September 22nd. Sundaes will be served outside.
3. Preparation for Phase 2 of the Campus Project is underway.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 5:30

CLOSING PRAYER: Recited by all.