

Approved 4-10-2018

St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday, 03-13-2018

Members Present: Fr. Mike Ignaszak, Fr. Michael Wolfe, Beth Eichman, Chris Gramling, Herman Guzman, Roger Hagen, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

Excused: Angie Conchi and Alice Palacio-Gomez.

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. after the 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Lenten Vespers in SH Church.

Approval of February 13th Pastoral Council Minutes

The minutes of 02/13/2018 were reviewed and there were no additions or changes. Roger moved to approve the minutes and Herman seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: No Report this month.

Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch

- We will move our May, 2018 Council meeting to Tuesday 05/15/2018 due to the Priest Assembly May 7 through 9th.

Synod Implementation Update: Bob Lynch – No Report this month.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak

- **Lenten & Holy Week planning** is my main focus at this moment. I want to encourage everyone to take part in the Communal Reconciliation Service next Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Alexander church. Six priests will be here to assist in hearing confessions following the service. Also I encourage you to attend the Holy Week and Easter services. At the Easter Vigil at least 13 children will be baptized, receive Eucharist for the first time and be confirmed. 10 adults will also be confirmed and another Adult will be receiving his First Eucharist, Also I encourage you as leaders of the parish to take part in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper where we reenact the feet washing. Jesus passes his service and mission on to the disciples in this symbolic act. You as leaders are encouraged to come forward to have your feet washed, and even, if you wish to wash a few people's feet.
- **Annual Financial Report:** As you know I have been focusing in the bulletin on who we are and where we came from as a parish. All of this has been leading up to this next bulletin in which the annual financial report is published. Unfortunately it is not good news. As we have seen so much growth in our parish, it has not been so in our finances. The financial report is included with the Mid-Year report to all of you Council members for you to consider. As I mentioned last month, the Finance council is already looking at different ways to bring our spending in line with our income. Parish Reserves were at \$666,097.28 in May of 2012 (just after the merger) and as of 2/28/18 they are at \$274,659.68. We have gone through almost \$400,000 of our reserves since we merged. We cannot continue to function like this for long.
- **Pastoral Council's Response:** I ask the Pastoral Council to do the following as you reflect on these numbers.
 - a. Pray for our parish.
 - b. Take a strong leadership role.
 - c. Do not fear change but embrace it.
 - d. Help us think out of the box because the "same-old-same-old" will cause our parish to run out of funds in short order.

Associate Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe

- With All Your Heart
 - a. This quarter is “to Serve” S – January – March, 2018.
 - b. Working on booklet for groups...to come.
 - c. Youth Service day in April
 - i. This didn't work out...looking for May dates.
 1. Sunday, May 6, potluck and card workshop (Mother's day) after 10:30 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.
 2. Friday, May 25, Talent show at Villa St. Francis.
- Spanish Classes at SHSST
 - a. Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
 - b. Going well. Through May, 2018.
- Reports from past events:
 - a. Bilingual Rosary → Friday, February 16, 2018 at SA Church at 6:30 p.m.
 - i. Small turn out, but prayerful.
 - ii. Too much for week of Ash Wednesday?
 - b. Lenten Retreat – Spanish Language
 - i. 100 + participants
- Currently taking part in Catholic Leadership Institute
 - a. Third Session this week – two more days out of office!
- Brief note on Spanish Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass
 - a. Over 60 attendees the last few weeks.
- Reflection and prayer – English
 - a. Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. at SA Church.
 - b. Presentation in anticipation of Holy Week.

Schools Report: Beth Eichman

- Both schools just completed our second Trimester with Report Cards and Conferences successfully. We are ready to begin our last Trimester.
- We begin the State Forward Testing next Monday. It will conclude on May 4th.
- Grades 3 through 8th will be tested in both Math and English Language Arts (ELA). Grades 4 and 8 will also be tested in Social Studies and Science. All testing is done on the computers in our computer labs.
- The teachers have attended two MSE Deanery In-services since we met last month. The first was a Framework on Poverty, presented by Ruben Perez. The second was our second Sustaining the Mission Session for the year. This is our Continuing Religious Education program for our teachers.
- We had a teacher resign at St. John Kanty. We were very fortunate to hire a long term substitute with 30+ years of experience in that grade. The students are transitioning well.
- School Safety Updates

The current atmosphere, in several communities, has schools reviewing safety practices. The Archdiocese Schools Office is researching practices and resource people for us and will report to us in an upcoming meeting.

Our schools are locked facilities with buzzer entrances and cameras at all doors and playgrounds. We have lock down procedures that are practiced. They do need to be updated.
- The students are on the Peanut Butter Mission for the Food Pantry. They are preparing for Easter with several Lenten activities and art projects.
- Spring Break begins at Noon on Holy Thursday, March 29th.
- Beth gave the council members a hand out from Principal Mrs. Julie Robinson about a National Walk Up. On March 14, 2018 which is tomorrow at Holy Wisdom Academy we claim it to be “**National School Walk-Up Day**”.

Break:

Finance Council Report: Chris Gramling

- Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

Committee Reports:

Lifelong Faith Formation:

- No report this month.

Human Concerns: Dean Pluskota

- We continue our Rice Bowl project for Lent.

Prayer and Worship: Herman Guzman.

- The approved minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were in your council packets.
- We just had a meeting tonight before the 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Lenten Vespers.

With All Your Heart: Fr. Michael Wolfe

- See Fr. Wolfe's Report above.

New Business:

- No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a closing prayer (the "Our Father") said by all.
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary