

Approved 9-11-2018

St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday, 06-12-2018

Members Present: Fr. Mike Ignaszak, Fr. Michael Wolfe, Angie Conchi, Beth Eichman, Herman Guzman, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

Excused: Alice Palacio-Gomez, Chris Gramling and Roger Hagen.

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Anita led us in opening prayer with a “Prayer of the Senses” said by all.

Approval of May 15th Pastoral Council Minutes

The minutes of 05/15/2018 were reviewed and there were no additions or changes. Fr. Michael Wolfe moved to approve the minutes and Dean seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: Julie Ann Robinson, Principal of Holy Wisdom Academy

- Julie handed out a hard copy of the State of the School for 2017-2018 on Holy Wisdom Academy to all council members and went over some of the highlights for the 2017-2018 school year.

August/September

- Three days were set aside for a Parent/Student Orientation. Starting on Wednesday night, August 23rd at 6 p.m. for our K4 students, then on Thursday morning, August 24th for students in grades K5-3 and on Friday, August 25th for students in grades 4th-8th. School families were also able to drop off their school supplies. Teachers presented to the parents their yearly expectations for their students and classroom policies and rules.
- On September 15th, we held a Welcome Back family event in the evening. Many school families attended the event which consisted of activities outside, a DJ and refreshment provided by Home & School.
- We had our first All School Mass on September 12th. The students from West walked over to attend Mass and do a service project with their buddy class.

October

- The students in grades 7th and 8th attended a 3 day, 2 night trip, to Camp Edwards in East Troy on October 2nd-4th. The staff chaperones were Mrs. Robinson, Miss Meddaugh and Mr. Charney. At Camp Edwards, students experience activities that cover academic, social and spiritual values.
- On the evening of October 17th, we had a school wide Home and School evening event. Many parents attended the meeting. School issues for the year were discussed along with the new standards based report card. An incentive for the highest parents in attendance class was also promoted. K5 and 4th grades won and received an ice cream party as a result. This was also the kick-off for our biggest fundraiser: World’s Finest Chocolate. This year we brought in a profit of over \$6,500.00 dollars!

November

- On the 14th, the students from both campuses celebrated an early Thanksgiving lunch with a home cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including pumpkin pie. This was celebrated with their buddy classmates.
- 1st Trimester Conference took place on the 20th and 21st of the month.

December

- On December 5th, the students in 2nd grade received the sacrament of Reconciliation.
- On December 14th, the students from both campuses gathered together for the annual Christmas Concert. It was held in St. Helen's Church. It was well attended by the school families.
- On the 22nd, the school celebrated Las Posadas, the reenactment of the journey Joseph and Mary took to find shelter before the birth of their child, Jesus. Both campuses gathered at East for the reenactment. The students also enjoyed breaking Piñatas filled with candy and eating traditional Mexican holiday treats.

January

- On Friday, January 26th, we hosted a Family Fun Night to kick-off Catholic School's week. This event was held for all school families at the west campus.
- Catholic School's Week was celebrated January 29th-February 2nd. Many special events for both students and staff took place throughout the week. A Scholastic Book Fair was held. Over \$3,400 in books were purchased. From the profits made, \$900 of that amount went to fulfill teacher wish lists. A Penny Wars took place throughout the week as well as a casual dress pass purchase. Over \$1,400 was collected for the VA Hospital of Wisconsin.

February

- Starting in February and running through the end of the year, we offered 3 sessions of After School Clubs. Over 100 students signed up for each session. The clubs offered to students included: Book, Craft, Board Games, Tutoring, Keyboard and Art clubs.
- On February 16th the teachers from the schools of the SE Deanery attended a teacher in-service day at St. Josephat's Academy. The guest speaker was Mr. Ruben Perez and the topic was: The impact poverty has on our students and strategies for those who teach and work with them. More than 100 teachers and administrators were in attendance.
- On February 22nd, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Charney and Mrs. Zollitsch along with several student council representatives, went to the Fischer House, on the VA Hospital grounds to present to them with a check for \$1,400, as well as 5 blankets made by the student council. Students also collected travel size toiletries which were then bagged in mini sets for the veteran's families staying at the Fischer House. 75 sets were made and donated. The group received a tour of the home which is used to house families of the veterans while they received rehab and undergo surgery.

March

- On March 1st, the students at East recognized the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Many special activities took place along with a special visit from the Cat in the Hat!!
- Stations of the Cross took place at both campuses on March 23rd. The Stations were planned by the 1st and 6th grade teachers and students.
- On March 19th, the staff began administering the State FORWARD exam to all students in grades 3rd - 8th. The testing window was open until May 4th.
- On March 29th, the last day before Easter break, the students at east enjoyed the annual Easter Egg hunt in Ohio Park. This was provided by the Home and School.

April

- Students and Staff returned from Easter Break on the 9th.
- Staff was presented with their contracts for the 2018-2019 school year on April 13th.
- A fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Foundation took place during the week of April 16th. For \$1, students could cast a vote for the teacher at each campus that they would like to see wearing a Monkey Costume for an entire day. Mrs. D-K4 at East and Mrs. Zollitsch-grade 5 at West were the winners. Close to \$900 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation!!

May

- The students in 2nd grade received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th. More than 20 students received the sacrament.
- On Friday, May 11th, the west campus presented the Spring Showcase. Several students performed their many talents for the students at West. The showcase concluded with the “pie-ing” of some of the school staff.
- On Wednesday, May 16th, both St. John Kanty and Holy Wisdom students joined together to do a Mass and May Crowning at St. John Kanty. Fr. Mike and Fr. Wolfe presided at the Mass and crowning.

June

- The last days of school included; Field day, Field trips and the School Picnic. We were blessed with wonderful weather for all of these events.
- The final all school Mass took place on Friday, June 8th, at the West campus. Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz, newly ordained and an Alumni of St. Helen School presided. After the Mass, report cards were distributed and everyone enjoyed farewell refreshments down in the cafeteria.

Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch

- I have a Planning meeting next Thursday June 21st.
- The next Deanery meeting will be in the fall.

Pastor’s Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak

- CSA Update: As of June 4th we have raised \$28,215.00 of our \$51,500 goal, or 55.87%. That is better than the last several years and close now to what we raised in the entire year last year. The CSA efforts are paying off.
- Update on SJK sale:
 - There have been multiple showings, including some second visits. The interest shown is encouraging.
 - Unfortunately, Dakota street will be closed for several weeks starting next week (maybe even before) for sewer repair. This leaves us with one route from 13th street via Montana to tenth to enter the parking lot. Therefore I have decided after consultation with the trustees and Fr. Wolfe that as of Monday, June 18th, all masses and adoration will be transferred to St. Alexander’s and St. Helen’s. The new Mass schedule will be as attached. This adjustment will not be our final celebration in SJK. Fr. Wolfe and I propose having one bilingual Mass on Saturday, August 25th at 4:30 at SJK. This will be the final Mass ending with a decommissioning ceremony. Samples of this type of decommissioning have been provided by the Archdiocese. We will begin to plan them for our unique situation.
 - I have had several contacts with Conrad- Schmidt and T.H. Stemper companies for estimates on moving the cross from SJK to SH.
 - Stemper’s has also walked through with me looking through the attic and cabinets at rarely used items that duplicate the other churches. We will be evaluating which items to keep and what can be sold on consignment. Some of the items have no resale value, others they indicated have some value attached.
 - We have agreed to have John Nolte come to give us a formal estimate (at a cost) to relocate the SJK organ to SH. The SH organ has little resale value. Portions of it may be incorporated in the relocated organ. The cost of the estimate can be applied to the cost of

moving. We may need a crew of parishioners to work under Nolte's direction in loading and unloading pipes. This will reduce the cost.

- I also have an appointment with a representative of Wenta Monuments about the cost and feasibility of using portions of the High Altar from SJK in St. Alexander as side altars and possibly in the Mary Chapel where we could hold our adoration hours.
- I have begun assembling the leadership team that the Amazing Parish conference asks us to create. I have one more position to fill.
- We received two nice donations of approximately \$2,000 each from the Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops that were recently dissolved. The Cub Scouts designated their funds to go for youth activities. The Boy Scouts asked that their gift be used to install a flood light on the flag outside of the parish office and to add a plaque dedicating the flood light in memory of Robert Iwen, who led the scouting program for many years.
- I want to thank you all for your dedication and service to this pastoral council and to our parish community.

Associate Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe

- With All Your Heart
 - a. Considering dropping consultant and "going it alone". Fr. Wolfe will talk to the Stewardship office first and explain our concerns that we are not getting what we signed up for. The Parish Community events planned by "With All Your Heart" have been successful but we did not receive the tools on "Discipleship." Bob Lynch mentioned to Fr. Wolfe that we still have to have a Stewardship committee. Stewardship is a standing committee as per diocesan by-laws.
- Spanish Classes at SHSST
 - a. Done!
 - b. Will start up again in spring 2019.
- Reports from Past events:
 - i. Corpus Christi procession – organized at the last minute.
 - 1. Would like to do something next year, with neighbors, etc. know.
300– 400 parishioners marched in procession at the end of Mass around the block.
Neighbors took pictures and one woman was even crying. She was so overwhelmed.
- Travel
 - a. June 19-28, Retreat with Community of St. Paul (CSP) in Spain.
 - b. July 6-12, First Mass of José Lopez in Mexico.

Schools Report: Beth Eichman (St. John Kanty School Year 2017-2018)

- St. John Kanty Students celebrated this year's school theme: We are one – CHASE YOUR DREAM. Students discussed the many ways we are the same. We are all one because we all love, learn, laugh and DREAM. The teachers focused on what the students dream for their futures. In art class, the students made Dream Catchers and they celebrated a special liturgy with them.
- The students worked hard this year setting goals to meet the standards. They are learning to take responsibility for their own growth. They are working toward success by planning, practicing and testing their abilities.
- The teachers are working towards establishing support from the parents in the education process. They continue to build the team of teacher, student and parent in their classrooms.
- Our theme: We are one – Chase your dream, gave us the opportunity to do several all school events. This gave us the chance to combine our classes and work together.

- Our Service Projects included: Pennies for Patients of Children’s Hospital, Collection of much needed items for the victims of the hurricanes and earth quakes, the Parish Food Pantry Peanut Butter Drive and our Rice Bowl collections.
- Our All School celebrations included, our annual Halloween Costume Parade, Our day of the Dead Altar, Thanksgiving Meal, Our Lady of Guadalupe Liturgy, Catholic School Week events, Dr. Seuss Day, St. Patrick’s Day and Mardi Gras.
- We also came together with HWA for our Joint School Mary Mother of Us All Mass and our Annual Field Day.
- I feel we had a successful year.

St. John Kanty School

- Dan Jorgensen took a new position in Kenosha, closer to his home. I will be the Interim Principal for the final year of SJK as well as continuing with the Chief Administrator position.
- Lost three Teachers
 - 4th – Poland
 - 3rd – another Catholic School
 - K5 - another Catholic School close to home, up North
 - 2nd – replacing a resignation with the long term sub
- We are combining K4 AND K5 Due to low enrollment.
- We are combining 3rd and 4th Due to low enrollment.
- I am looking for a new teacher for the 3rd and 4th Grade position.
- I’ve submitted an application for the School Safety Grant. We are looking at increasing our cameras and installing a keyless entry system in both school buildings at HWA. I hope to hear soon.

Break:

Finance Council Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak

- We needed to approve the SJK School Budget for 2018-2019 with a zero balance.
- I also updated the Finance committee on the projects.

Committee Reports:

Lifelong Faith Formation:

- No report this month.

Human Concerns: Dean Pluskota

- The Food Panty will be open during the summer months.
- We will be helping 78 families in June.
- The approved minutes from our May 7, 2018 meeting were handed out at the Council meeting tonight.

Prayer and Worship: Herman Guzman

- The approved Minutes from our March 13, 2018 meeting were included in our Council packets.
- At our last meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, Fr. Wolfe did a class on the Basic Introduction of the Liturgical Year which the committee really enjoyed. Fr. Mike was our guest. The committee gave Fr. Mike suggestions about the closing of SJK Church. We had a pot luck after the meeting.

With All Your Heart: Fr. Michael Wolfe

- See Fr. Wolfe’s Report above.

New Business:

- Angie mentioned the date of Saturday, August 25th to do a bilingual Mass at 4:30 p.m. at SJK and that this will be the final Mass ending with a decommissioning ceremony (See Fr. Mike's Report above) was not the best date because that was Mexican Fiesta weekend (August 24th-August 26th). A date of Saturday, September 8th was brought up in place of August 25th. More discussion needs to follow.
- Bob Lynch wished everyone a Great Summer!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. with an "Our Father" said by all.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary