

St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday – 03-14-2017

Members Present: Fr. Mike Ignaszak, Angie Conchi, Beth Eichman, Chris Gramling, Herman Guzman, Roger Hagen, Vicki Kegel, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Janice Patrowsky, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

Excused: Fr. Mike Wolfe and Alice Palacio-Gomez

Guest: Rogelio (Roy) Salinas

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. The Lenten Bilingual Vesper Service was our opening prayer.

Approval of February 14th Pastoral Council Minutes

The minutes of 02/14/2017 were reviewed and no additions or changes were made. Vicki moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: Roy Salinas, Director of Religious Education

- Roy mentioned to the committee that this is an exciting and good year. We have 150 – 160 children in the Religious Education program. There are two tracks, the English track and the Spanish track. Those children on the Spanish track must be able to read and write Spanish. We emphasize four pillars: Prayer, Mass, Church Teachings and Morality. We have some very fine instructors for Religious Education. There are 66 confirmands. 62 candidates for Confirmation will be confirmed this Saturday, March 18, 2017 at SA Church. We have one parent session a month for the English parents and for the Spanish parents. We have some autistic children but if we are not able to handle their needs, we invite them to the program at St. Gregory the Great who are equipped to handle more advanced issues. Adrian Lynch will stay on in the Confirmation program for next year. We have a lot of things at SJP II Parish but we do not promote them enough.

Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch

- Bob had Beth Eichman go over some data on Mission Insite. Beth made a radius of where the 189 students at SJK School live between Lincoln Ave. and Morgan Ave. Some students live beyond Lincoln Ave. and also some students live beyond Morgan Avenue. Beth also did this for the Students who attend HWA – East Campus and West-Campus from 6th Street to 27th Street. Beth shared the number of people striving forward in the SJK and HWA areas. Beth gave us the # of children 141 in K5 in the area all the way up to the 12th grade. If both of our schools hold 25 children in K5, we know there are other schools in the area that can offer K5. Bob marked off the 1,615 households that we have in SJP II Parish. Bob mentioned Mission Insite is a wonderful online tool that gets updated four times a year.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak

- I was not expected to be present with you this evening but was able to attend the Council meeting after all. I was invited this evening to be one of the priest chaplains accompanying the soon-to-be Bishop Schuerman during the first part of the ordination ceremony on Friday. A

bishop-elect has two chaplains accompany him, a kind of “wedding party.” I am honored that my long-time friend has asked me to stand with him as he moves into the episcopacy. I just returned from the rehearsal for the ordination.

- Please keep Bishop Schureman and Bishop Haines in your prayers throughout this week. They are both fine men with whom I have studied during our seminary years. Our diocese has truly been blessed. Our parish did not take an ad in the Catholic Herald to honor them. Instead we are making a gift as we did with past bishops. We are giving \$150 dollars to the Cathedral Women’s Ministry in honor of Bishop Haines and \$150 to La Sagrada Familia in honor of Bishop Schuerman (who served there for six years). I have prepared accompanying letters for Bob Lynch to co-sign. Bob will also be our parish representative at Friday’s ordination.
- The fountain at St. Helen’s is being modified. After over a decade of use the large trough is becoming harder to maintain. A smaller decorative fountain will replace it and the baptismal font will revert to a former configuration using a crystal bowl in the original wooden base.
- We have had several more building maintenance issues. Finance Council agreed to spend \$15,400 from reserves for needed drain repairs that recently caused the “pit” to flood where the heat circulating pump is located. Tree roots 12 feet underground caused the damage. Trenching will take place soon on the east side of SJK Church.

We have also been seeking bids on a long time issue at St. Helen Church which cause effervescence around the Stained Glass windows. More bids are being sought and the fix might involve storm windows over the present “vent” windows to prevent rain and snow from entering the frames and some tuck-pointing around the actual window stones (not the usual horizontal tuck-pointing), but around the cap stones of the arch of the window.

With both these expenses forth coming and more repairs looming the Finance Council and I are beginning to ask the question, “How much is too much?” to invest in any one building. This is a tough issue that both Finance and Pastoral Council will have to struggle with soon.

Associate Pastor’s Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe

- Regrets for missing this meeting, and gratitude for understanding.
- “With All Your Hearts” Stewardship program will launch in early May. We will have to put together a committee to carry this through – I will discuss it with the Stewardship Committee as well, that seems the logical place to start.
- Servers – I had another server training session last Saturday, March 11th and had about 20 new servers show up. Mrs. Dawn Boyer is kindly helping organize this. Our goal is to have one SPII server schedule, instead of separate ones for each mass. We see this as a small, but important, step towards furthering our identity as one parish. There is hope to move towards one schedule for each ministry/service..that will take time, though.
- This is my first Lent, as mentioned before, and I’m trucking along. Thanks to Fr. Mike (and all of you) for your patience with me, as I do so.
- We have organized some volunteers to clean St. John Kanty –Dean Pluskota and his brothers helped on the big day, with organizing the back sacristy. I hope to spearhead some other cleaning days, such as that one, in the other churches as well.
- I’ve tried to be available to the schools as much as I can, and have had some fun with it..as you may have noticed with last Sunday’s bulletin (on the cover Fr. Wolfe has a Dr. Seuss hat on and is reading a Dr. Seuss book to the children for Dr. Seuss Day).

Schools Report: Beth Eichman, Director of Education

- State testing for grades 3 through 8 begin next week.
- We introduced the new grading policy at each school produced by the Archdiocese. Now we will see how this affects the report cards and grading.
- Lent is in full swing with Stations of the Cross attended by the school children on Fridays and doing the Lent project.

Break:**Finance Council Report: Vicki**

- Please keep the Finance committee in your prayers as they make some difficult decisions about the budget for 2017-2018. Fr. Mike mentioned that the Finance Committee would like an inventory done on all of our buildings. See Fr. Mike's report about maintenance issues.
- Do we have a special collection for some of these repairs but we do not want to stop the parish giving to the parish.

Committee Reports:**Lifelong Faith Formation:**

- See Roy Salanias's Report on LifeLong Faith Formation.

Human Concerns: Janice

- Our Rice Bowl Project for Lent is underway.
- We will have Soup and Prayer on Sunday, March 26, 2017. Fr. Mike Wolfe will be our guest speaker.

Prayer and Worship: Herman

- The approved minutes from our 1-17-2017 meeting were included in the Council member's packets to read.
- At our 2-21-2017 meeting, we discussed keeping the Bilingual Vesper Service for Lent since it was just introduced this past Advent.
- Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at SA Church after the 6:30 p.m. Lenten Bilingual Vesper Service.

Stewardship: Janice

- The Housing Resource Fair took place.
- We will be putting together a large Resource Fair at the end of May including outside resources.

New Business:

- Fr. Mike mentioned that he and Principal Julie Robinson attended a meeting in the field house in Ohio Park with MPS about renovating Ohio Park. It was an open dialog meeting with community members. There is money for playground equipment, a splash pad, new basketball court and 2 new half courts plus a skateboard park.
- Bob mentioned that we will not have a Council meeting on April 11, 2017 because it is Holy Week. Our May meeting will be the first Tuesday of the Month May 2, 2017 and not the

second Tuesday of the month because it is Priest Assembly May 8th through May 10th. Bob asked Herman to chair the May meeting because Bob will be out of town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with a closing prayer (the “Our Father”) said by all. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary