

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Combined Meeting of the Finance Council and Parish Council

November 18, 2019
6:30 PM
Youth/Conference Room
DeVries House
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Seminarian Chris Kight

Finance Council: Bayne Million, John Winstead, Steve Thornton, Claudia Valladares

Parish Council: Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Francisco Flores, Sojo Ngoy, Rodney Schwartz, and Ben Warrell

Absent: Kathryn Kemp, Roxana Ford

Fr. Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish/ Rental Financial Review

The financial report was not available at this time due to the overwhelming influx of commitment cards for the Capital Campaign. In the future the financial report will be divided into separate reports for the Parish, SKY Rental, and Renew.

Renew

Fr. Ryan provided preliminary totals for donations and pledges to the Campaign. 205 families have pledged thus far. The final amounts will be announced on Reveal Weekend, November 30-December 1, 2019, at all the Masses.

A letter will be sent out this week to all parishioners who have not yet submitted a Commitment Card as a reminder and request to do so.

Grant opportunities are being explored and will be pursued in 2020. A grant from Houchens Foundation will be among those researched.

Fr. Ryan and Bayne Million will meet with representatives of the Diocese on November 26 to request approval to begin the restoration process.

Bayne and Lori Million will host a party for Renew volunteers in early 2020.

Two parishioners have indicated they will donate the refurbishment of the Parish Hall floor as their contribution to the Renew effort. This work will take place in the summer.

New information on the cost of work to reconstruct the entire side entry per one engineer's suggestion will be much more costly than he thought. This was not our original plan and will be explored further to determine next steps.

Potential additional work by Conrad Schmitt Studios regarding the side altars and stations will be considered if funds are available for the project.

Several long term planning ideas were discussed; these will be explored in the future depending on our financial capabilities.

Parking lot options for the vacant lot across from the church were offered and discussed. Fr. Ryan will pursue costs with a parishioner in the paving business.

Several media opportunities will take place to introduce the wider community to the Renew Project. Fr. Ryan and Bayne will appear on WBKO-TV AM Kentucky on November 27. An article will be pursued to appear in The Daily News religious section.

The group was asked to consider adding two new members to the Building Committee.

A meeting will be scheduled with SMD and EOA to begin planning for the Renew project.

Disciples Response Fund weekend will take place the weekend of December 7-8 after Reveal Weekend.

Liturgy

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Sunday.

Evening Prayer with Adoration during Advent will be held December 1 and 8. Chris Kight is organizing this event.

A Reconciliation service will be held on December 15.

The Christmas schedule this year will be: Christmas Eve at 4:00PM in English, 7:00 PM in Spanish, Midnight in English and Christmas day at 9:00 AM in English.

The use of Worship Aids will begin with Advent. They will replace the books currently in use. The group reviewed a sample aid. The renew prayer, written by Fr. Ryan, will appear on the back cover of each aid. It was decided that this prayer should be recited at every Mass just after the Prayers of the Faithful.

Events

The Stained Glass series will take place on December 17. The School Christmas Play will also be held on December 17.

The Youth Group will attend NCYC in Indianapolis November 20-23. Twelve youth and three chaperones will participate.

A Christmas party for members of the councils and parish staff will take place December 30 at 6:00PM at the Stone House. Members will be contacted regarding items to provide for the party.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported Gasper River Camp continues to be very busy. In addition to people from our diocese, groups are coming from Louisville and Tennessee. An event will take place December 29-January 1 at the Camp. 80 young people are attending.

Rodney Schwartz presented a report on activities at St. Joseph School. He noted the Sip and Shop fundraiser will take place at Indian Hills Country Club on December 7. Full report is attached.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Meeting Dates

Finance Council will meet on January 21 at 6:30 PM

Parish Council will meet on January 28 at 6:30 PM