Holy Savior Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

In Attendance: Father Aaron Damboise, John Bernard, Jamie Gallant, Sister Bernadette Gautreau, William Gallant, Margaret Donahue, Jennifer Kreckel and Susan Adley *(ex officio member).* Mary Blouin was an excused absence due to illness.

Father Aaron opened the meeting with a Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business:

1) Minutes: Jennifer Kreckel motioned to accept the minutes of January 31, 2022. Jamie Gallant seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

   a. CLI ("Catholic Leadership Institute) Group: Father Aaron gave an update on progress with CLI. The first part of CLI involved the survey and the Writing Committee. At this point, it is in the hands of the Implementation Committee. The Writing Committee studied 10 different programs. The Committee selected the Alpha Program first and the Christ Life Program. Father Aaron stated that these programs involve small groups in which faith and relationship with Christ are the focus. These programs help to develop growth by forming small Christian communities within the Parish and function to introduce people to Jesus and encourage evangelism. Father stated that the program starts with the people who attend weekend Mass and works to strengthen their faith. Father indicated that it can take 3 -5 years to take root and grow and is very exciting to watch develop.

2) Faith Formation:

   a. Sister Bernadette reported that there is one person who will be initiated into the faith on Easter Vigil and that there are thoughts about doing a reception after the Easter Vigil. Sue Adley indicated that it will likely be 10 p.m. by the time the Easter Vigil Mass is concluded. Sister will let people know what needs to be done.

New Business:

3) Father Aaron gave an update on employment vacancies:

   a. Music Director Search: Father reported that the search continues for a Music Director. Right now we have two persons who are providing music for Masses, funerals and weddings. Father indicated that it could take up to a year to get a Music Director.

   b. Sexton Search: The Parish is still looking for a Sexton. At this time, the Parish is contracting out for snow removal and burials with the loss of the Kubota that has finally stopped working and is no longer capable of being repaired. This position is a 40 hour salaried position.

c. The Cluster Business Coordinator: Cheryl Cox has given notice and the position is being advertised in the Parish and Diocese. This is a 40 hour salaried position.

d. Father asked us to pray to St. Anthony for guidance and assistance in securing candidates for these positions.

4) Father asked for thoughts regarding open meetings for Pastoral Council meetings. John Bernard mentioned that the by-laws provide for open meetings. Ideas were discussed about how to proceed with public meetings. The general consensus was to have the public able to attend meetings, but that if someone wanted to address the Pastoral Council that there should be a system for getting on the agenda for the meeting. John Bernard stated that it should be placed in the By-Laws as an amendment. Any amendment of the By-Laws requires that it be in writing and be submitted for review by the Council at least 14 days prior to the meeting at which the vote to amend takes place. The next meeting will be May 23rd which will be with the Finance Committee and will be at 6 p.m. It was decided to meet at 5:30 p.m. prior to the meeting with the Finance Committee to vote on the amendment. Father Aaron considers the meeting with the Finance Committee to be somewhat informal and will be in the Rectory and will be followed by refreshments. It is thought that this could be a potluck dinner.

5) The next meeting will be May 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

6) The meeting with the Finance Committee will take place on May 23rd at 6 p.m. and will be with a potluck dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.