

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 6, 2018

Present:

Rev. Michael Anderson, Pastor;

Valerie Berwald, Pastoral Care Commission Representative

John Carney, Community Life Commission Representative

Robert McMullan, Member At-Large

Amy Moore, Parish Administrator / Ex-Officio Member

Ron Peterson, Justice & Charity Commission Representative

Jeff Rutz, Chair / Member At-Large

Paul Siler, Finance Council Chair / Ex-Officio Member

Don Trudeau, Liturgy and Worship Commission Representative

LeAnn Zogg, Trustee / Secretary of Board of Directors / Ex-Officio Member

Excused:

Maggie Arnevik, Faith Formation Commission Representative

Paul Lillyblad, Trustee / Treasurer of Board of Directors / Ex-Officio Member

Mass: 6:30 pm; Prayer at 7:05 pm.

Revision of Constitution LeAnn Zogg and Amy Moore met to review sample constitutions and presented a draft for St. Joseph of the Lakes to adopt. It has been determined that staff will not be serving on the council, rather commission reps will be the communicators between staff and council. Fr. Mike explained that the Pastoral Council is to represent God's voice of the people to the pastor. There should not be a sense that the council members are responsible for answering specific questions that the parishioners have, rather those questions should be directed toward the appropriate commissions, staff or pastor. Advising the pastor is the primary role of the Pastoral Council. The prologue of the revised constitution addresses the purpose.

Discussion followed regarding clarifying the council's role in decision making for large parish expenditures or projects. Fr. Mike shared that that the council's role in decision making is assessed by a commission, and then brought to the Pastoral Council by that commission rep. After discussion and consultation, the Pastoral Council may advise the pastor, with the understanding that the ultimate decision is up to the pastor.

It was clarified that the Finance Council is a required body of the corporation (Canonically), and is therefore not a commission. For that reason, the representative of the Finance Council will be considered an Ex-Officio member of the Pastoral Council.

We will be adding Pastoral Council representatives from two additional commissions: Facilities and Communications/Development. We also need to identify an additional At-Large member at this time.

It was pointed out that the constitution should clearly define the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS of each Parish Corporation consists of the Archbishop and the Vicar General, the Pastor, and the two Trustees (one of which serves as Secretary and the other as Treasurer). The Board of Directors shall have power to transact all of the business of the Corporation.

It was pointed out that individuals serving on the Pastoral Council should participate in the “Essential 3” safe environment processes. These are 1) Signing the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct; 2) Participating in a VIRTUS Training; 3) Agreeing to a Background Check. Appropriate steps will be taken in the coming weeks to insure that these processes are underway.

It was pointed out that we need to elect a Vice Chair as well as a Secretary for the current Pastoral Council. Jeff Rutz is serving as Chair, John Carney agreed to serve as Vice Chair and Valerie Berwald agreed to serve as Secretary.

Along with revisions to the constitution, a Leadership Handbook is being updated and will be distributed in the near future.

Other Business:

Welcomed Ron Peterson as the new representative for the Social Justice Commission and Don Trudeau as the new representative for the Liturgy/Worship Commission. Ron Peterson shared a document outlining recent Social Justice initiatives (attached).

Next Meeting:

March 13, 2018. Along with the Pastoral Care Commission , the Pastoral Council will be co-hosting a Lenten Soup Supper that afternoon starting at 5:00 in the Great Hall. A number of members signed up to bring a crock pot or stock pot of soup for this event. The meal will be followed by mass at 6:30 in the Historic Church and a meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Moore