

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Manitowoc, WI**

**Pastoral Council Minutes
May 21, 2019**

Members Present: Fr. Doug LeCaptain, Fr. Jose' Lopez, Wendy Nett, Janet Debilzen, Judy Denor, Barb Jenkins, Steve Sanders, Nancy Ottum, Taylor Geiger, Bob Fricke, Mike Snell and Fr. Jose' Lopez

Non-Voting Members Present: Pat Brandel

Our meeting was opened with prayer led by Fr. Doug.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Barb Jenkins and seconded by Judy Denor to approve the minutes of our March meeting. The motion was passed.

Roncalli Catholic Schools: Surveys regarding a new grade school are still being completed. Fr. Doug encouraged the committee to complete their surveys if not already done so.

Pastor's Comments (Fr. Doug):

- **Discipleship:** Fr. Doug asked the Council members what they understood by discipleship:
 - Living the way of Christ; Exposing Jesus to others; Imitating Jesus in thoughts and actions; To grow in the relationship of Jesus and the Church; Following Jesus' teachings and passing that on to others in thought, word and deed; Leading others to Christ by being a living example; Live life in God's plan and leading others; To know and follow the teachings of Christ by having a personal relationship with Him through His church; Bring souls to Christ and to His Church; Share in word and action the love of Jesus; Following in Jesus' footsteps and bringing to others. These were many of the shared understandings of discipleship by Council members. Father then encouraged all members to read a book called "Forming Intentional Discipleship"

- **2019/2020 Staffing and Budget:**
 - The priest coverage for schools is being worked on.
 - Fr. Doug is offering "Spiritual Direction training" to parish members interested.
 - Parish Mission Planning is being worked on.
 - Father explained that the Good Shepherd Fund is still being used within the parish and/or people are being referred.
 - Alpha meetings are still available to all parish members. Father Doug encouraged anyone that has not attended, to definitely do so.
 - A farewell get-together for Fr. Dave Pleier is scheduled for June 27th.
 - Fr. Bill Evans (to be ordained in May) will join our parish community on July 8th.

- **Parish Planning:**

- **Election Committee-** Election for a new Trustee will take place during the Masses on June 8th and June 9th. Help is needed to cover the three worship sites for putting ballots in the pews and collecting them after Mass. Let Pat Brandel know if you can help.
- **Parish Mission Planning:** a lot rests on the outcome of the feasibility study.
- **Pastoral Vision Planning:** Committed to purpose statement; communication and gelling of the members is going well.

Pastoral Council Members: Names were submitted to the election committee and the drawing for the new members were as follows: 1 year term: Emily Guillemette; 3 year term: Brian Czetezar and Beverly Brandt

Committee Reports:

Finance Council: The budget report is ready to present to the Pastoral Council

Worship Committee: Music is going well; Coins of Compassion took in \$5,000.00; Anointing will take place the last weekend of July

Building and Grounds: Working on adopting a solid priority list

Board of Education: No report

Stewardship: Committee is trying to get a handl on the groups within the parish i.e. (1) finding out who the leaders of the groups are; (2) Survey is being worked on regarding what each committee does; (3) can some groups help each other; (4) helping groups to know that they are Stewards, so that our parish grows, and that God works through Stewards.

Youth Faith Formation: Both Life Teen and Edge have finished for this school year; planning for next year is being done at this time

New Business: On June 11th there will be a combined Pastoral Council and Finance Council meeting at the Grand site. The meeting is at 6:00 and each member was asked to bring food or drink to share.

Our closing prayer was led by Fr. Doug.

Pastoral Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a motion made by Bob Fricke and seconded by Judy Denor.

Minutes submitted by:
Janet Debilzen