

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
(including joint topics with Finance Council members)
Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019
6:30pm
St. Clare Conference Room – Parish Office

1. Call to Order: 6:36pm
2. Roll Call: Not Recorded
3. Opening Prayer
 - a. Prayer led by Bev
4. Open Forum with parishioners (5-10min with “Request to Speak” form filled in advance of meeting)
 - a. N/A
5. Joint Topics for Finance and Pastoral Councils
 - a. Parish Mission Planning
 - i. Fr. Doug reminded us of what we talked about last meeting
 1. Meeting with the Bishop
 - a. Bishop asked us what we are doing with/for the Hispanic population in Manitowoc
 - i. How do we effectively reach these people?
 1. What does that look like and how does that happen?
 - ii. Opened up for discussion
 1. Bill brought up how we need to decided if we want two Catholic communities or a unified congregation (i.e., Hispanic and non-Hispanic)
 2. Fr. Jose told us that more Hispanics attend mass when he says mass at St. Thomas
 - a. But they don’t feel that they have a home/parish, just a place to worship
 3. Language is a barrier right now
 4. Idea: move the Spanish mass to SFA to reach more Hispanics
 5. Hispanic students in our schools have increased in the last two years
 6. We need to build a ministry based on people in the Hispanic community, rather than just relying on whatever priest is able to assist
 - a. Forward thinking—Fr. Jose won’t be with us forever
 7. We are in agreement that we need to look into this and prioritize this as a high priority
- b. Discussion on whether or not we should cancel the October 30th parish wide meeting
 - i. Worried that we don’t have the answers to the questions (specifically regarding the school) that people are going to ask
 - ii. Consensus: move the October 30th meeting
 1. Delaying the meeting so that we have better information
- c. Discussion on a new church
 - i. It has to be on the table
 1. The price tags are so similar (to renovate or to build new)
 - a. And one is a bandaid while the other is a new opportunity to finally “unify” the parish

- ii. Focus on the school first and then move towards the Church
 - d. Combined Campaign
 - i. Confident that we are up to date
 - ii. Looked at the Parish mission planning priorities and goals
 - iii. Also looked at the Estimated Capital Case
 - e. Next Steps
 - i. Are working and in progress
 - f. Regional School
 - i. Update
 - 1. A lot of it is about the combined campaign and parish investment
 - ii. Parish Investment
 - 1. For next year when there is a new committee, what is SFA's role in that investment?
 - iii. Next Steps
- 6. "Forming Intentional Disciples" – Chapters 1&2 Discussion
 - a. Tabled once again

Conclusion of Joint Topics—Financial Council members depart PC Meeting

- 7. Minutes September 18th, 2019
 - a. Approved
- 8. Pastor's Comments – PC Specific
 - a. Tri-Parish mission feedback
 - i. "Outstanding...spoke to us and about prayer, prayer, prayer."
 - ii. Someone returned to confession after decades
 - b. What do I most desire from my SFA parish for advent?
 - i. Greater explanation and understanding of the mass
 - ii. Remembering that it is a time of repentance
 - iii. Emily and Taylor to work on 2 paragraphs on the season of advent
 - 1. Focusing on
 - a. Anticipation
 - b. Incarnation
 - c. Repentance
 - d. Somber, but in a hopeful anticipatory way
- 9. Follow up Items
 - a. "Letter to a Suffering Church" Book Review – Taylor
 - i. Revised and will email again
 - b. New Member Registration and Online Accessibility via Email
 - i. Staff working on some changes
 - ii. Still in progress
 - c. Recommendations on Millennial hand-outs from Aug. meeting
 - i. Sent fully to the worship committee
- 10. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Council
 - i. N/A
 - b. Worship
 - i. Discussed hand-outs on millennials
 - c. Building and Grounds

- i. N/A
 - d. Youth Faith Formation
 - i. Going well, DTS started with good attendance, LifeTeen attendance low, Edge is steady
 - e. Board of Education
 - i. N/A
 - f. Stewardship
 - i. Had our stewardship weekend a few weekends ago, still working towards getting more people involved ministerially
 - g. Adult Faith Formation
 - i. Mission Talk attendance
 - 1. 240 Tuesday
 - 2. 360 Wednesday
 - 3. 300 Thursday
 - 4. Lack of young adult presence
 - ii. Alpha is in need of facilitators
 - iii. RCIA has 5 new men
- 11. Executive Session
 - a. N/A
- 12. Next meetings: 6:00pm FC; 6:30pm PC with joint topics
 - a. Nov. 20th, 2019
 - i. Emily excused from this meeting (in Ireland and Rome)
 - b. Dec. 18th, 2019
- 13. Closing Prayer
 - a. Discipleship prayer

Meeting adjourned: 8:25pm