

**St. Francis of Assisi Joint Pastoral Council/Finance Council
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday September 16, 2020**

Notation: This meeting was held as a Zoom Video Conference meeting due to Covid 19 concerns.

Members Present - Pastoral Council: Wendy Nett, Michael Snell, Taylor Geiger, Dan Wagner, Mike Townsend, Steve Sanders, Brian Cvetezar, Bev Brandt, Judy Denor, Secretary Trustee

Members Present - Finance Council: Bill Censky, Jerilynn Gill, Kate Reynolds, Denise Kitzerow, Michael Salutz, Hank Sturm, Andy Krajnek, Randy Miller Treasurer Trustee

Non-voting Members Present: Fr. Doug LeCaptain, Fr. Ben Johnson, Dcn. Mark LeGreve, Pat Brandel, Deanne Kuenz, Fr. Jason Blahnik,

Mtg called to order at 6:30 by Wendy Nett – Initial meeting Pastoral Council members only with Finance Council subsequently joining to make a joint session.

Prayer: Parish Mission Statement was read as Opening Prayer

- **First order of business – Acceptance of Minutes of August 19, 2020 Meeting**
 - Pastoral Council Minutes - Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as presented – Motion approved -Unanimous voice vote

- **Second Order of Business – Christmas 2020 – Mass and Facility Options**
 - Parish Staff brainstormed a number of potential options for consideration relative to possible mass sites and logistics for Christmas Masses.
 - Council discussed and reviewed all options and raised questions relative what best practice might be, given the current situation of social distancing.
 - There are a number of questions needing to be sorted out relative to Diocesan approval for some circumstances if they are deemed an acceptable option.
 - Roncalli Gymnasium and Auditorium is one option that needs further investigation relative to potential Capacity.
 - More discussion will be forthcoming at the next council meeting.

FOLLOWING ARE TOPICS DISCUSSED AS JOINT PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

- **Third Order of Business – Facility Updates**
 - Pat Brandel gave an update on the following facility concerns and interests:
 - **Tuck pointing is coming to completion.** Contractors needed some specialized equipment which delayed the project but things are on track and the project is nearing completion.
 - **Choir Lofts – Waldo and Grand Sites** – A local contractor has been hired to do the painting of the two choir lofts. Start time of the project is TBD based on contractors' schedule.
 - **Holy Family College:** It has been decided by RCS to re-activate the steering committee to assist in determining the best options available concerning the potential of HFC as it relates to Roncalli Catholic Schools.
 - **Waldo General Office Space – Future Consideration** – Gene Maloney has been secured as an Architect to review and advise potential options for the current General Office facility. If the current General Office can be sold the Parish General Office would potentially move to the Waldo Rectory site in addition to possibly using space in the Damascus Center.

- **St. Boniface** – Conrad Schmitt Co. has not yet responded with an estimate of what it would cost to renovate the current building. It is preferred to have this estimate before proceeding with sending documents to the diocese.
 - **Renovation and Repair Group** - Pat has contacted Kevin Wilke to see if the Renovation and Repair Group can be gotten back together to help sort out and prioritize remaining projects.
- **Fourth Order of Business – Sunday Obligation Returning to Green Bay Diocesan Parishes**
 - With Sunday Obligation returning to SFA parish the pastor was interested in what comments members are hearing from parishioners regarding returning to mass.
 - Most of the comments reflected in this meeting were similar to those concerns that have been previously noted in past discussions:
 - Still Fear of Crowds
 - If the Church requires attendees to Social Distance will there be enough room
 - It is easier to watch online in the comfort of your own home.
 - Without the social aspects after mass, attending in person is not as appealing.
 - Father Doug will reinforce those masses which have less attendance and more space for people to feel comfortable: 7:30 Am Waldo – 8:00 am Grand – 6:30 pm Waldo
 - **Fifth Order of Business – Acts XXIX**
 - Council members had an opportunity to review a very thorough white paper prior to the meeting conveying what Acts XXIX is about and their approach to strengthen parishes going forward in our world today.
 - Consensus was that the church as well as our parish is in decline. Question was raised is managing the decline an option going forward or do we need to do things differently.
 - What are the best options going forward – Acts XXIX appears to be one of those options.
 - It was suggested to review what our Mission Planning goals and steps were and review where we are with those.
 - It was indicated that Acts XXIX could give us the framework to move our mission plan forward.
 - General agreement: we need to make some type of changes.
 - **Sixth Order of Business – “Mass on the Grass” Pig Roast**
 - 200 persons attended mass
 - 300 meals were served, extra meals were donated to The Haven
 - Raffle: Grand Prize \$5000.00 – Some of the prizes monies were donated back.
 - Overall profit for the total event: \$39, 748
 - **Seventh Order of Business – Committee Reports**
 - Worship – Taylor Geiger – this committee met and basically went over the current CDC, State and Diocesan guidelines to insure we are meeting these.
 - All other committees did not meet due to the current Covid 19 circumstance.
 - **Other Topics:** Parish Council was informed that Joe Holzinger has needed to resign due to a change in employment travel requirements. It was suggested that replacement candidates be brought forward for consideration.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 21st. Finance: 5:30 pm Parish Council: 6:30 pm. Meeting arrangements will be communicated in advance.

Closing Prayer – Led by Wendy Nett

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Steve Sanders