

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

**Pastoral Council Minutes
September 25, 2018**

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

Non-Voting Members Present: Pat Brandel, Ken Brooks

Our meeting was opened with prayer led by Bob Fricke.

Fr. Doug led a walk through the Waldo church with the Council members to look at all of the water damage caused by the lack of repairs to the duck pointing, which has been needed for over several years. The extensive damage to ceilings and walls was a real eye opener to the council members. Estimated cost for the Waldo site tuck pointing will be \$220,000.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Barb Jenkins and seconded by Nancy Ottum to approve the minutes of our August meeting. The motion was passed.

Pastor's Comments: (Fr. Doug)

- **Fr. Doug discussed the handling of sexual abuse by the Church.**
 - All Bishops suggested that clergy that have been involved in such acts should step down.
 - Bishop Ricken will be at St. Thomas the Apostle to listen and answer any questions regarding the sexual abuse issues within the Church.
 - Fr. Doug brought up the idea regarding talking to our school principals regarding addressing this issue with the students. Discussion followed regarding the approach to be used in the elementary, middle and high school. This information will be put into our bulletin to keep everyone aware of how this is going to be handled.
- **Regional School Update:** John Stelzer has organized a local committee to compile data from architects, finance personnel, principals, Meitler results and diocesan personnel, with plans to have a proposal to the Bishop by late December. Three possibilities being evaluated are:
(1) renovate the current Elementary and Middle School buildings; (2) build a new school PK - 8th at the Michigan Avenue site; (3) add on to the existing Elementary school and move the Middle school students to Roncalli site.
- **Alpha:** As of this time, Parish Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils have completed their Alpha sessions. The teachers of our schools and the Roncalli staff are participating at the present time. Several sessions of parishioners participating in Alpha are also starting. Fr. Doug encouraged all members who have participated in Alpha, to encourage others to participate as well.
- **Discipleship Training 2:** Training will be taking place on September 29th at the Waldo site. All members are encouraged to attend. Members need to register prior to attending.

Facility updates: (Pat Brandel)

- A cost analysis committee has been formed with Jerilyn Gill chairing this committee.
- At the present time there is no update regarding the parish central office.
- Grounds keeping at Calvary Cemetery will be done by Lakeland Landscape. This would include cutting grass, snow removal and opening graves. They are looking at raising their prices for graves to help cover the cost

Committee Reports:

Finance Council (Ken Brooks): No report

Vision 20/20 (Pat Brandel):

- The next meeting for the 20/20 committee will be held on October 9th.

Worship Committee: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

Board of Education: No report

Stewardship: No report

New Business: No date has been set for the Annual Meeting, however the dates being looked at will be either in January or February, 2019.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held at the parish office on November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Our closing prayer was led by Steve Sanders.

Pastoral Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with a motion made by Kevin Wilke and seconded by Taylor Geiger.

Minutes submitted by:
Janet Debilzen