

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2016

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Immaculate Conception

Attendees:

Staff

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Schaitberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Doll
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Enrique Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Maria Murdy	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Immaculate Conception

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Poehlman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kay Claas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Walter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janice Bodden (secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lori Lehnerz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharyn Fonte
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Meulemans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Falkner (vice chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sue Nygard (chair)

Saint Frances Cabrini

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Marie Danaher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa French (secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roman Lichon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Roecker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Lucka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Mentink (chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Matt Wallner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Kelly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vespalec (vice-chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	

We had additional guests: Mike Roeber, Andrew Kolb, Sara Sauer, Chris Cybell, and Steve Lamping.

Joint Meeting Topics:

- Opening prayer – provided by Father Nathan from the Jubilee Year of Mercy and an Our Father
- The March minutes were approved.
- Father Enrique discussed the Church's Mission Mandate. In Columbia, Father was from a parish that was in the city, but also a part of the parish was several hours away in the countryside. The archdiocese is emphasizing that the Church is a mission and every christian is a missionary. We can be missionaries in our communities. People should have perseverance in spreading the gospel. We think that someone else should be the missionary but it is our job to be a missionary too. There is a crisis of faith and we must all step forward to share our faith.
- Habitat for Humanity – volunteers will be needed soon for construction. Youth outreach will be helping at the site with brush cleanup. This week we had groundbreaking and house blessing at the site. A number of parishioners and staff met the family that will be living in the house. The family is excited to start their new journey. The fundraising portion is completed, we will now focus on the need for volunteers.
- Faith and Family Fest – We are on target for Sunday, September 18, 2016.
- Fellowship events – Katie and Stewardship Committee have discussed all that is going on. They will be meeting in a few weeks to firm up ideas and dates. Some events may be discontinued and new events possibly added. We would like three main dinner events at each parish. However, will we have enough volunteers to handle all of these events? We do not want to spread ourselves too thin
- New Membership – the nominations are to be open to the parish.

Break Out Meeting Topics:

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- Catholic Formation and Evangelization – Sue Nygaard – there was no meeting this month
- Finance – Mike Walter – February was a good month. Income and expenses were favorable. The gym is being rented out to the Washington County Football Group (soccer). Profit and loss is showing a loss due to school closing costs, but that will be temporary.

- Human Concerns – Kay Claas – There will be a Bundle Sunday for St Vincent De Paul on April 24th and SFC is considering having a Bundle Sunday also. There will be no extra respect life event this year. There will be a Journey Mass on October 19, 2016. Expenses for the kid's mission trips are very large but the kids earn the money. The entire quad parish group is larger this year.
- Prayer and Worship – Mike Falkner – the meeting is next Thursday – everything from last month is also on the agenda for this month.
- School – Lori Lehnerz – there was no meeting but everything is in place at the present.
- Stewardship – Janice Bodden - at the next meeting we will be discussing what events will be kept and what may be discontinued. Our highlights are: the fish fries, the polka Mass, Mardi Gras and the chili supper for youth outreach. There may be new ideas to consider at the Fall meetings.
- Fish fries – where will the profit go? Where does script go? One third each from fundraising.
- Facilities – general operation – catholic school incentive tuition
- Expenses – gym heating system needs some work. Campus lights will be changed to LED which will generate a huge energy savings – the steeple repair will be done by Krause Construcion from Coon Valley, WI - \$91,000 to \$100,000 for tuckpointing and will go over all parts of the steeple and will fix what is necessary. The work will be done in Fall.
- September 2017 is the parish's 160th anniversary. We will do an 18 month appeal to raise \$160,000 in keeping with our 160th year. The appeal will be done by the end of 2017.
- Kay will be leaving the Pastoral Council this year. There will be an announcement in the bulletin to recruit a replacement for the position. Art will be leaving as Trustee. This position requires a special process for nominations and posting of information.
- We closed with an Our Father.

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- Committee updates
 - Catholic Formation and Evangelization – February 18th and April 14th
 - Finance
 - Human Concerns – April 6
 - Prayer and Worship – April 14
 - School
 - Stewardship – March 16, April 21
 - Possible nominees for Trustee
- Randy Lucka announced he would not be seeking reelection as trustee. The role of trustee was explained as a go to person to assist Father in parish issues that may need more confidentiality. A Trustee may also act as check signer or for other official documents. Father seeks the Trustee's opinions and assistance with the life of the parish. Timewise, the Trustee's attend all Finance Committee meetings and ad-hoc Pastoral Council meetings. Council members were asked for possible candidates in the next week. Joe Mentink opened the meeting to questions about the discernment process. Input for Father to April 9th and 10th pulpit updates.
- Father Nathan will be commenting on the financial picture of the parish. We are still working on budget revenues – basically because of a few large donors in December and January. Our small donations have dropped off substantially – Father will make mention for people to pray about their contributions.
 - Jill Maria also mentioned the energy of our volunteer level has dropped substantially.
 - Father will also mention the Festival, Habitat updates, clergy changes, computer and email server changes and the K3/K4 program in the school.

Next meeting June 2, 2016 at IC

