

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes (SFC Only)

Date: November 3, 2016

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Location: SFC Parish Office Conference Room

## 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. Justin Lopina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Maria Murdy	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### Saint Frances Cabrini

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Kolb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jarrold Lehnerz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Wallner (vice chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Marie Danaher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vespalec (chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Schmitt
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Roecker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa French (secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Sauer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (trustee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich (trustee)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Joint Meeting Topics:

N/A for this session

## Break Out Meeting Topics:

### SFC

- Opening prayer
- The meeting began with each council and staff member sharing the bible verse or story they had selected for sharing with the group.
  - Father noted that it was easy to get caught up using only a secular approach to problem solving, but that we needed to remember to bring our faith into it as well.
  - Several people selected the same passages, and themes seemed to develop:
    - Unless God builds the house we labor in vain.
    - Persistence in prayer is vital.
    - Remember to build a foundation on rock not sand (i.e. for the long term not short term).
    - God will provide when we ask (e.g. multiplication of loaves and fishes).
    - One size doesn't fit all, and people may not even know what they need, but we need to take care of them anyway.
    - Nothing is supposed to come easily. It takes work.
    - Everyone owns the mission (i.e. not just paid parish staff).
- Each member received a set of summary materials compiling the results of both discussion sessions. The group spent the balance of the meeting discussing them.
  - Noting how there could be different interpretations of the same information which could challenge making decisions; a goal was set to work toward developing a set of "guiding principles" that could be referenced for future decision making.
  - Also noted was the need to communicate in various mediums for best success, though simplification could come from reusing the same message rather than creating specific messages for specific groups.
  - It was also noted that the attendees at the sessions only represented a fraction of the parish body. While they represented a good sampling of opinions, the question was raised if additional data or "voices" were missing. As no additional comments or questions were raised to staff or council members – in person or to the Council inbox – it was decided to move forward based on the information at hand.
  - One exception was to possibly work with Collin for a select discussion with the youth segment.

- Themes/notes on “ministries”
  - The parish is a community; need a social aspect to what we do.
  - The need for volunteers not just for staff involvement; need to invite to assist.
  - The need to instill a sense of ownership; volunteering follows a sense of belonging.
- Themes/notes on “facilities”
  - The needs are greater than one single solution.
  - The work list is longer than what Russ or Rick should be expected to manage. May need to enlist a project manager to coordinate the efforts.
- Other topics
  - The group briefly reviewed the archdiocesan presentation on differences between a “Maintenance vs. Mission” parish. The ideas expressed of how to move toward mission tied well to parishioner comments on the desire to focus on being welcoming and faith based in all we do.
  - Katie noted that the date of September 24<sup>th</sup> was selected for the 2017 Faith and Family Festival. It is later than in prior years, but was necessary due to other known schedule conflicts. New will be an 11:15 mass in the park, with parishes altering mass schedules to encourage attendance. A charity was yet to be decided, but the suggestion of the St. Vincent DePaul society for its relevance to all participating parishes was supported by council members.
- Next steps:
  - Prep for the December council meeting
    - Council members were asked to contemplate and provide answers in advance to three questions, the results of which would help progress toward decisions in December’s meeting –
      1. Options for guiding principles
      2. List of which facilities projects recommended to be in, out, or deferred
      3. Ideas for funding any projects included on the “in” list
  - Finance committee review
    - The discussion session summary will be presented by PC liaisons to Finance in their next meeting so that they can also make recommendations on funding options.
    - Preliminary budget work expected to begin in mid-December in order to have tuition estimate for Catholic schools week at end of January.
  - Communication back to parish
    - Based on turn out to listening sessions, it was decided not to do in person.
    - Target after Christmas and New Year.
    - Agreed there was a need for some type of document that could be distributed in multiple forms (in bulletin, online, etc.) to summarize what PC heard and what action steps will be forthcoming.

**Next Council Meeting:      Thursday, December 1st 6:45 p.m. SFC**