

Pastoral Council Agenda

August 2, 2018

Time: 6:45 pm Location: SMIC Hall

Attendees:

Staff

Fr. Nathan Reesman
 Fr. Andrew Infanger

Katie Schaitberger
 Rick Doll

Jan Kolb
 Stephen Buting

Immaculate Conception

Catherine Yekenevicz (Trustee)
 Jacqueline Wulff
 Jean Franke
 Kris Deiss (Secretary)

Lloyd Uelmen
 Mary Swosinski (Trustee)
 Mike Falkner (Vice Chair)
 Rafael Vela

Sue Nygaard (Chair)

Saint Frances Cabrini

Anne Marie Danaher
 Dave Gugg
 Dave Kohlmann (trustee)
 Dave Zimbal

Greg Jashinsky
 Joe Vespalec
 Lisa French
 Lynn Corazzi

Mary Herdrich (Trustee)
 Randy Lucka
 Sara Sauer

Joint Meeting Topics:

- Opening prayer
- Approval of minutes
- Updates from Fr. Nate & Staff
 - Reminder of fall meeting times and locations; verifying members and terms

Council reviewed the schedules for all 2018-19 meetings. An update will be sent with Council members names for all committees.

- Shared communications coordinator for SMIC and SFC

Tammy Waech will be supporting both parishes. Bulletins and website will continue to be separate, but with one person doing both, we'll begin to see more commonality in format and content.

- Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him updates

As a way of building on the success of the Holy Habits Challenge, a preliminary format was presented continue the Holy Habits by providing a take home theme. The format will be simplified, but still include a card to help families grow in their faith.

- Mass attendance data for Archdiocese of Milwaukee and SFC / SMIC

Council reviewed mass attendance summaries. Overall result showed a continued downward trend. However, Washington and Dodge counties were highlighted as showing increases in both the number of parish members and average mass attendance. These increases aside, the numbers reflect the need for additional ways to connect with younger people, as membership affects everything from the buildings needed to the ministries served. Other dioceses found that mass attendance can be increased if the 3 M's – Music, Message and Ministries – were done well. With

this background, Council discussed ways to engage people and whether we should do more out reach to people who are not coming to church or come but don't get involved.

- Amazing parish conference preparations and update

This October meeting will be attended by Fr. Nate, Fr. Andrew, Katie Schaitberger, Rick Doll and William Waech.

Breakout meeting topics: Immaculate Conception

- Confirm officers and assign Committee liaisons

It was confirmed that Sue Nygard will chair SMIC's parish council and Mike Falkner will be the Vice-Chair. Kris Deiss enthusiastically confirmed that she would accept the position of Secretary.

Liaison appointments for the coming year are as follows:

Finance – Whitey Uelmen and Kris Deiss
Catholic Formation – Rafael Vela
Human Concerns – Jacqueline Wulff
Prayer & Worship – Jean Franke
Stewardship – Mike Falkner

- Church renovation plans update

Dedication of the altar will take place on August 26 at the 9:30 am Mass. Invitations cards were sent to all parishioners, vendors, workers and others. All parish council members are asked to bring a dessert for the short reception immediately following the Mass. We are nearing completion with the pews expected to be delivered the week of August 13th; the stations of the cross will be rehung in September and the statues are being repainted.

- New website update

The new website is modeled after the colors in the church and Stephen informed the group that it is very user friendly. The website, as well as the redesigned bulletin, will be rolled out on August 26th.

- Convent Lease proxy

Copies of the proxy letter and a draft of the lease were supplied to the members prior to the meeting. The council did not have any problems with the proxy letter. After reviewing the lease, there were several suggestions made and it was determined to have a real estate attorney review it before sending it to the archdiocese for approval. The proposed lease will be reviewed by the council again in September.

- Plans and dates for fall parish listening sessions

The listening sessions will occur as follows:

Sunday, October 21st after the 9:30 a.m. Mass until approximately 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, October 24th at 5:30 pm until approximately 7:00 p.m.

Sue, Mike and Rafael will meet prior to that to organize the presentation.

- Further brainstorming on a formation outreach to the neighborhood (victim appeal)

A short discussion was had regarding the use of the term “victim” as most members felt this left a negative connotation. The group did discuss the backpack project and all felt it was a good outreach project. However, further brainstorming did not occur as members brains seemed to be a little fried this late in the evening...so the council will review again in September.

- Committee reports
 - Catholic Formation – no update
 - Finance – Books were closed at end of June with a \$35,000 profit for the year.
 - Human Concerns – no update
 - Prayer and Worship – no update
 - Stewardship
 - Barton Outreach – no update
 - Future Status of Polka Mass – The consensus of the members was to retain the Polka Mass as it always has such a good turnout. If attendance drops off, we’ll need to look at the matter again.

Breakout meeting topics: Saint Frances Cabrini

- Marianne Boehme (guest) for update on Haiti outreach ministries

Marianne provided a comprehensive update on the Haitian ministries, which is the umbrella for Wings of Hope, Guest House, the Day School and Cabrini Community Outreach Center. There are two groups of 15 women in Bible Study. There is now a Director of Music to support a 15 member choir that is hoped to perform at other churches. Last February, much work was done on the water system. The Outreach Center will provide the infrastructure to support additional ministries, and is targeted for dedication in November 2019.

- Election of officers

Officers elected to serve for 2018-2019 are:

Joe Vespelec – Chair
Gregg Jashinsky – Vice Chair
Lynn Corazzi – Secretary

- Committee liaison assignments

Committee liaison assignment for 2018-2019 are:

Dave Zimbal and Lynn Corazzi - Finance
Sara Sauer – School
Randy Lucka – Human Concerns
David Gugg – Faith Formation
Anne Marie Danaher – Prayer & Worship
Gregg Jashinsky – Stewardship & Hospitality

- Next steps on parish goal setting for SFC

Discussion focused on how to start the next round of goal setting, which is impacted by the softness in regular giving. Budgets will need to be reduced to match the lower giving levels. Last year's listening sessions focused on facilities and the need for volunteer coordination support. Significant progress was made in both areas. Council members will receive summaries of the listening sessions for review. This year, a focus area will be on engaging young adults across the parishes.

- Committee reports
 - Cluster councils – no update
 - Faith Formation – Sign ups are less than expected, and follow up is being completed with all families. We have 100 families with no contact information. So far, 130 students are enrolled in the new program, with a large group from the school.
 - Finance – covered in update
 - Human Concerns – no meeting
 - Prayer and Worship – no meeting
 - School – last meeting was 5/24. Positive feedback on William Waech, the new principle.
 - Stewardship – Support was given for the Greeter Ministry as an easy way to get involved and make the parish welcoming.

Next meeting: September 6, SMIC Hall Time: 6:45 pm