

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 7, 2017

In Attendance: Rev. Bill Stockelman, John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Janet Davis, Brian Baurichter, Patty Pryor, Sarah Holland, Jeff Racic

Absent: Paul Justice

Guest: Christina Boss (Secretary)

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation: Janet Davis opened with prayer and a reading from 1 Timothy 1:12-17. The questions for discussion included:

- How can we extend Christ's mercy to our community and parish?
- If we are strengthened by Christ, how can we in turn strengthen others?
- Is it our obligation to help others gain eternal life, and if so, how?

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

SHP: On hold through summer – John Dickhaus

- **Master plan:** SHP is the company helping to develop the master plan. Planning is on hold for the summer. No plans have been decided, finalized or approved at this time. Planning has been separated into three phases. Each phase can be completed independently from the others.
 - **Phase 1:** This phase will involve renovating the school bathrooms. Updating the bathroom facilities is essential, and will need to be done in the near future. The faculty bathroom in between the girl and boy bathrooms has been closed because when the pipes were scoped it was discovered that they have collapsed. The other bathrooms are the same age and while the camera scope was less conclusive about their condition, it is reasonable to assume they are also deteriorating. This project will need to involve demolishing that part of the building and digging out and replacing the pipes.

- **Phase 2:** This phase will involve building a corridor to connect the main school building to the cafeteria and gym. This is an important phase to improve the security of the campus.
- **Phase 3:** The final phase will involve any other optional improvements St. Bernadette chooses to make to the buildings and campus.
- When school starts back up in the fall, SHP will finish the drawings for Phase 1, develop a cost estimate, and the information will be presented to the parish, likely in a town hall meeting around September. This phase is necessary since the school must have working bathrooms. It may be presented as a capital campaign since it will be so involved.
- It should be noted that phases 1 and 2 are one-time expenditures and do not expand or increase operating expenses, they may even make some facilities more efficient and thus reduce costs.
- The diocese policy is that anything over \$15,000 must have parish council approval. Nothing has been presented or approved for any of this planning project yet. Of course emergencies happen sometimes and may need to be handled quickly, like when the boiler needed to be replaced.
- It was noted that it is important to have options to choose from. Another point made was that when upgrades begin, the school will become subject to current building codes that it was previously exempt from through grandfathering. Handicap accessibility to the bathroom area should be considered.
- The question was posed if money that St. Bernadette will receive back from the diocese 5-year campaign could be used. This money has been earmarked for use in faith formation and to pay for a pastoral associate when we share a priest with St. Thomas More.
- Someone asked if it has been considered where the breaking point is when the school becomes too expensive for the parish to support. There was a brief discussion and then the group agreed this was not the time for that discussion.
- Someone asked if we know why collections are down. There is no known reason for this.

Stievenard Facility/Spirituality Group: Stievenard is not becoming a classroom. Nothing is changing; there will be no permanent classroom additions to the room. It may be used during more periods of the school day, but it will be available as needed to the groups that use this space.

Script: Donna Cox is ready to pass on the script responsibilities. The new coordinator for this program should be detail-oriented, conscientious, responsible, and committed. Consider individuals who would be able to take on this role. This person is responsible for getting the cards, balancing the books, and organizing their sales.

Registration: Registrations need to be updated in the parish database to make sure information is correct for current parishioners so they can be reached. A plan will need to be implemented to have all current active parishioners review and update their information. Information cannot be removed from the database unless requested by the individual as long as a registered catholic still lives within the limits of the parish. Over 700 families are currently registered, which is many more than participate regularly. Parish Council voted to have Chuck Cullen work on these updates.

Father Tim's Inauguration:

- **Parish Council Meeting:** The first meeting with Father Tim will be held July 5th. Council will meet early in the parish center for a casual dinner at 5:30, followed by the meeting at 7:00. John will plan the dinner. Council will ask Father Tim how they can support him as he assumes his new role.
 - One point that was discussed is that the new priest will not be living above the preschool. The parish has invested in a condo where he will live for two years. When Father Bill Wagner retires from St. Thomas More, Father Tim will move to the rectory there. This information will be shared with the parish very soon. The condo is in a nice, in-demand neighborhood nearby and was bought for a competitive price (\$67K) using Stievenard funds. The parish can consider if there is some other way to use the space above the preschool.
- **Booster's Burger's & Beer:** This event will be held July 30.
- **Parish Picnic:** The picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 17.

Summer meeting schedule: The August meeting will be cancelled unless Father Tim would like to meet.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Upcoming meeting of the Pastoral Council
July 5, 2017 at 7:00 (Dinner with Father Tim at 5:30)

Approved: July 5, 2017