

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Monday May 18, 2015

In Attendance: Angie Tucker (Chairperson), Sarah Holland, Rev. Bill Stockelman, Donna Cox, John Dickhaus, Janet Davis, Laura Brausch, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Brian Baurichter

Guest: Paul Jungkenz, Boosters

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Tucker.

Faith Formation: Janet Davis read from John 13: 33-35. This passage recalls Jesus giving his disciples a new commandment; that they should love each another for that is how all will know that they are his followers. The members contemplated upon that reading and reflected upon several related questions. Members spoke of the absence of violence and selfish motives if we followed that commandment. They also stated that doing things with a pure motive is difficult. Following that commandment would also result in a huge parish and, while adhering to the commandment is not easy, we continue to work towards that goal.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 20, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Boosters Update: Paul Jungkunz updated the members of the changes resulting from the dissolution of the CYO program. The Girls Greater Catholic League (GGCL) will offer both volleyball and basketball. The league will follow the Archdiocese's Charter on Catholic Youth Athletics. New leadership has been selected to guide the inaugural season. St. Bernadette will offer basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter. Some schools, however, will offer volleyball in the fall and basketball in the winter. This will likely result in some confusion among students and parents.

Members inquired about the methods to be used to instill Catholic faith teachings into the athletic program. Mr. Jungkunz informed the members that the coaches will utilize prayer, mentoring, and prepared quotes to assist in that effort. He did indicate, however, that volunteers are not always trained teachers and have little time to prepare for practices so there will be some challenges to be faced as the new league gets underway.

Members asked Mr. Jungkunz if there was anything the Council could do to help support the Boosters. He replied that to limit incorrect information, those with questions or concerns about the new league should contact him so he could inform them of the correct information.

Capital Campaign Update: Chuck Cullen (Capital Campaign Secretary) informed the members that the total pledged was now \$860,900 with several more pledges yet to be counted. That amount represents 148% of goal. He provided a handout to the members showing the number of pledges to date (218) and the source of those pledges (phone, mail, in-pew, personal visit). Other data related to the campaign was also contained on the handout.

Fr. Bill mentioned that with the success of the campaign, the rebate to the parish will be greater than expected so Council may need to decide how much of those funds should be allocated to the faith formation programs.

Members of the Council thanked everyone who worked on the campaign.

Planning for Parish Transition: Fr. Bill told the members that Bishop Binzer and Fr. Wenke, Director of Pastoral Services, confirmed that the approved pastoral region will be implemented when Fr. Bill retires. The Bishop and Fr. Wenke will likely visit the parish in September 2016. Meanwhile, St. Bernadette should continue to plan for the transition since the Archdiocese will not do that work. Fr. Bill announced that St. Andrew and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes in Milford will begin their pastoral region on July 1. After the festival, the Council will ramp up the planning process for St. Bernadette.

School Report: Sarah Holland distributed a handout prepared by Liz Ingram, School Principal. The handout outlined a projected 4% increase in enrollment (grades K-8) for the 2015-16 academic year. Another 39 children are registered for pre-school next year. With a continual increase in the number of students, some changes are necessary in the class structure particularly with the 4th grade. The school is waiting for grant approval to be used to reimburse the Stievenard Fund for the cost of security enhancements.

Pastor's Corner: Fr. Bill informed the members about:

- The importance of keeping current on Virtus certification. Those who have not complied with the monthly training have been notified and will be prohibited from working around children if certification requirements are not met by the deadline.
- Upcoming interviews for a Pastoral Associate for Family Ministry.
- Three new priests who were recently ordained.

Parish Voice:

- Chairperson Tucker mentioned that she followed up on a suggestion about a yard sale and informed the person that the yard sale suggestion should not interfere with a similar effort by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Chairperson Tucker asked the members to review the minutes from the previous Stievenard meeting and to provide her with any changes or corrections.
- John Dickhaus told the members of his experiences while working with a concession crew during Reds baseball games as a fundraising activity for the parish.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM. A Stievenard Meeting will be held afterwards. There is no meeting in June.

Minutes approved on July 1, 2015.