

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 5, 2018

In Attendance: John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Christina Boss, Sarah Holland, John Kelly, Jeff Racic, Rev. Tim Ralston, Bill Rapp, Jeanie Stephens, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent:

Guest:

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: Sarah Holland opened the meeting by distributing to the members and then reciting a poem entitled *True Night Before Christmas* by John Cook. It is a Christian version of the holiday season traditional poem 'Twas *The Night Before Christmas*. The poem's final stanza states:

"A holiday season: is that all it's worth?
No, there's hope in this message, forgiveness from sin
For those who receive Him, who let Him come in
Let's remember HIS birthday, let's celebrate right
Merry Christmas to all. To all a good night."

Sarah then expressed her thought that it is a hectic time of the year so its good to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Jeff Racic added that he was thinking about his time as kid when the whole nativity idea was just joy and amazement. He expressed a desire to re-capture that joy again. Christina Boss mentioned that the poem touches upon some important points, not just the "Santa thing". Jeanie Stephens said it seemed easier as a child.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 7, 2018 Pastoral Council meeting were approved as amended.

School Update: Chairperson Dickhaus updated the members on the proposed bathroom remodeling project. After passing out a copy of preliminary schematics of the impacted school area, he provided an overview of the project. Essentially, the entire interior area (block walls, ceiling, tile, fixtures, etc.) would need to be removed. Then new bathrooms would be installed to comply with current building codes and ADA accessibility. The estimated price for the remodeling project is between \$120,000 and \$140,000. Stievenard funds would likely be used to pay for this expense. Bill Rapp suggested combining the faculty bathroom with the accessible bathroom for enhanced efficiency. Christina Boss suggested adding adequate sound-reducing insulation to minimize noise. The members unanimously approved to proceed with the project. The next steps are to obtain estimates for engineering and architectural services then meet with Archdiocese officials to present the project for review. Afterwards, the work would go out to bid to obtain the best price. The actual remodeling will begin at the end of the current school year.

Festival Update: Chairperson Dickhaus informed the members that he has received several letters of interest regarding leadership roles for future festivals. He will be meeting with those who have expressed interest.

Parish Directory Update: Chairperson Dickhaus told the members that to date, 70 families/individuals have had their picture taken for the directory. A minimum of 200 are required to produce the directory. Members were asked to encourage more parishioners to sign up for the December dates for pictures. Several members expressed their happiness with the pictures taken of their family.

Parish Activity Report: According to Chairperson Dickhaus, the:

- Craft Show was very successful. Forty-two (42) vendors participated and the attendees exceeded expectation.
- Boys basketball tournament starts this Saturday (December 8). There will be 40 teams participating. This has traditionally been a good event for the parish. A tournament for girls is scheduled for the week between Christmas and New Year.
- School Christmas Concert will be held on December 14 and the concert with preschoolers will be on the following Tuesday night.

Pastor's Corner: Fr. Tim told the members about:

- The new advent wreath that fills the space a little better and is intended to last for a while.
- The 2019 Totus Tuus program that will be offered in July. It is a weeklong program.
- The Amazing Parish organization that will hold its conference in Cincinnati during May of 2019. Besides Fr. Tim, four other parishioners will be invited to attend this leadership training event.
- The schedule for Christmas masses will be 5 pm on Christmas Eve, 12 midnight and 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

New Business:

- John Kelly inquired about financial transparency. Fr. Tim replied that he and others are looking at ways to provide more financial information to the parishioners.
- Chairperson Dickhaus requested members to sign up for dates to provide Faith Formation in 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting - Wednesday January 2, 2019</p>
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