

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 6, 2019

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

Absent: John Kelly, Jeanie Stephens

Guest:

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

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: Christian Boss initiated the meeting by reading from Romans 5:1-8. The passage reveals to us that because we have been justified through faith in Jesus, we have peace with God. Moreover, we can boast of our afflictions because they will lead to hope and hope does not disappoint. Christ's death is proof of God's love for sinners.

Bill Rapp mentioned that Christ died for sinners that he never met and what he did we don't deserve. Jeff Racic added that Jesus said he came for sinners, not the just. Christina Boss then commented that the use of the word "boast" in the reading should be not be construed as bragging but as rejoicing. Fr. Tim suggested that the afflictions mentioned in the reading could be any trial or suffering that is endured for the sake of Christ. Jeff Racic then added it was difficult not to think about what Det. Brewer recently endured.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 5, 2018 Pastoral Council meeting were approved as amended.

School Bathroom Update: Chairperson Dickhaus updated the members on the status of the school's bathroom. After carefully reviewing the cost and required time to replace the bathrooms, another option is now under consideration. This option would involve re-lining the existing waste pipes. Currently, boy's bathroom is functioning and may not need any new work. The girl's bathroom is also functioning, but the status of its waste pipes is uncertain. The faculty/staff restroom is closed. The parish has received an estimate of about \$9,000 to re-line the pipes in the faculty/staff bathroom. The pipes of the girl's bathroom will be inspected later this week. This revised bathroom plan will save the parish at least \$100,000 and provide time to consider long-range plans for the school campus. The members voted to approve proceeding with the plan after checking references.

Parish Directory Update: Chairperson Dickhaus reported that 180 families had their pictures taken. Work on the Directory design is now underway.

Anniversary Planning Committee: Fr. Tim is working on an invitation list for the 75th anniversary mass. He is inviting past pastors and requested the names of other people to invite such as past principals, etc.

Parish Activity Report: According to Chairperson Dickhaus:

- The Boosters are working to upgrade the main doors to the gym with a key fob entry system with panic button option. They are also planning to replace the drinking fountain.
- Fish Fry will take place on March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. As a result of the Fish Fry on the 22nd, the Science Fair will be moved to another date.

School update: Chairperson Dickhaus reported on the following school activities:

- Catholic School Week went well. The talent show generated a lot of fun. The 8th grade class attended a mass at the Cathedral. The cold weather, however, forced the postponement of some activities which are being re-scheduled.
- The recent Open House at the school was successful. Up to 20 potential new students could attend next year.
- Liz Ingram, the Principal, had surgery recently and is working from home for few weeks.
- The school had a “blue day” to show their appreciation for the police.

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

- Recent work in the Church including interior signs and doors for the vestment closet in the sacristy. A cover for the baptismal fountain is being built for use on specified date such as Good Friday
- Ash Wednesday is March 6th and mass will be at 8:15 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.
- A Lenten presentation that he will conduct on three Tuesdays during Lent (March 12, March 26, and April 9)
- On Good Friday, the service will take place at 3:00 p.m. with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- The Easter Vigil mass will begin at 8:45 p.m. on April 20th.
- The parish received a rebate of about \$26,000 from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign.

New Business:

- Jeff Racic asked to be replaced on the Council due to job change.
- John asked the members about their thoughts on the chicken dinner on festival Sunday. The dinner is long-time tradition, but it requires a lot of volunteer resources and does not generate significant income. The members gave John their varying views on the matter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Meeting - Wednesday March 13, 2019

Approved:

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