

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 25, 2019

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

Absent:

Guest:

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: William Rapp focused his presentation on the meaning of John 3:16
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”

He recalled watching a lot of sport programs as a teenager and seeing this Bible passage on signs and the foreheads of individuals, like Rollen Stewart. More recently, Tim Tebow had the passage written on his eye black when he played with the Florida Gators. Aaron Hernandez wrote the same verse on his forehead just prior to committing suicide in jail for murder. The same verse was used by different people at different times but was it the same message they were trying to present? Were they spreading the Gospel, asking for forgiveness, or delivering a message intended for us?

Christina Boss spoke about how the passage provides a hope for forgiveness. Sarah Holland mentioned that people tend to think that everyone who does evil goes to hell, but that is not true. God sent his son knowing that we sin so that we can have hope even in the greatest sins. Other Council members reflected what John 3:16 meant to them.

Minutes: The revised minutes from the May 1, 2019 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Pastoral Council Elections: Chairman Dickhaus reviewed the schedule for the upcoming election for Pastoral Council members. The Members then reviewed other documents (nomination form, candidate questionnaire, etc.) and made edits as necessary.

Christina Boss agreed to prepare the ballots and create a spreadsheet listing the nominees for Council members to call.

Festival Update: Chairperson Dickhaus reported that plans for the festival are progressing but that the grand raffle is lacking a little so a new promotional effort will soon begin using Facebook, the school website, and social media. He also noted that there is still the need for volunteers.

The chicken dinner will take place again this year but Chairperson Dickhaus indicated its future is uncertain. While the dinner provides an important social activity, it also has an adverse impact on the food booths and requires a lot of resources for minimal net proceeds. The Members discussed options regarding the dinner including moving it to a date outside of the festival weekend, using a survey to solicit comments for dinner attendees, and selling pull-tabs during the dinner. The Members decided to use a survey this year and then discuss the dinner's future afterwards.

School Updates: Chairperson Dickhaus reported that he is seeking a quote from another company (Gardner Plumbing) to repair the sewer lines in the school. He hopes that this company can provide a lower cost option for consideration. Also, two sump pumps are needed for the pre-school building. Chairperson will update the Members prior to the next meeting regarding the plumbing issues at the school.

Chairperson Dickhaus informed the Members that three teachers have left the school. Fr. Tim then added that Andrea Bridges is leaving, and a search is underway for a new music Director. He also told the Members that a person has been selected to replace Sylvia as Administrative Assistant effective July 8th. A reception for both Andrea and Sylvia will take place after the 5:00 p.m. mass on Saturday July 27.

Chairperson Dickhaus asked the Members about a potential non-maintenance project for an Eagle Scout. Members are to pass along any ideas to John.

Chairperson Dickhaus reported that the recent Guns-n-Hoses benefit softball tournament was successful despite the frequent rain. The event may return next year.

Pastor's Corner: Fr. Tim informed the members that:

- The 75th anniversary mass went well and that the Archbishop was pleased with it. The picnic after the mass was also worked well. The parish is considering additional events or activities as part of the anniversary. Contact Amy Zurlinden with any ideas.
- Totus Tuus will soon be here. Please register as soon as possible.
- St Bernadette will serve as a pilot location for new anti-porn initiative. This program is under the guidance of the Archdiocese and is just beginning.

New Business:

- Christina Boss passed along a suggestion from a parishioner to provide a better connection between the school and parishioners who do not have children in the school. Fr. Tim responded that there is a plan under consideration to use the video monitor in the gathering space to promote parish activities.
- Jeanie Stephens reported that the recent Unbound Program with its healing service was well-attended. She told the Members about a person whose tumor disappeared after the service. She hopes the program can be expanded.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting - Wednesday September 4, 2019</p>
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Approved:

September 4, 2019