

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 1, 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 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: Prior to reading Colossians 3:12-17, Jeanie Stephens reflected upon the thinking that one should begin with the end in mind as presented in the book by Stephen Covey titled The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The last sentence of the passage states: "*And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*" is an example for us of putting the end in mind.

Jeanie Stephens began the discussion by stating that although the words were written for others, they apply to us as well. God gave us life to enjoy it. John Kelly indicated that the passage covered a lot to do. Bill Rapp added that it can be difficult as a parent. John Kelly stated that what God seeks is progress, not perfection. Christina Boss noted the many similarities with our lives. Jeanie Stephens then reminded the members that what was important is that we are God's chosen ones and beloved by Him.

After the discussion, Jeanie Stephens led the members in prayer thanking God for His word, the Easter season, and to remind us that we are His followers.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 13, 2019 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Anniversary Planning Committee: Chairman Dickhaus informed members about plans for the 75th parish anniversary on June 2. A planning committee met a month earlier and decided to have a picnic after the 11:00 a.m. mass with fried chicken (from Kroger). Side dishes (mac & cheese, green beans, etc.) would also be prepared. Parishioners will be asked to provide deserts (small items like cookies, brownies, etc.), chips, and drinks. The parish will provide paper products. Tables will be available inside and outside. A slide show showing pictures of the parish over the years will be in the cafeteria. Cozies marking the anniversary will be available. There will, however, be no fall picnic this year.

Parish Directory Update: Chairperson Dickhaus indicated that a proof copy should be available in a week. Assuming there are no major changes, the Directory should be ready for the anniversary.

School Updates: Chairperson Dickhaus reported that:

- The recent repairs to the faculty bathroom are working. The Council then approved plans to proceed with repair work to the girl's bathroom this summer at a cost of \$14,500.
- Registration is at 199 confirmed with 12 more expected for next year. Pre-school enrollment for next school is up. Kindergarten is between 20-22.
- The students are currently participating in a walk-a-thon fundraiser.
- The Lenten fish fries exceeded revenue expectations.
- Several end-of-year activities (graduation, first communion, etc.) are being planned.

Festival Update: Chairman Dickhaus reported that the plans for the festival continue. A car is likely going to be the grand prize for the raffle.

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

- Sylvia Guthrie will be retiring. Her position will be posted throughout the Archdiocese.
- Susan Nussman, Youth Minister, has resigned. Currently, the plan is to proceed with only Abby Schmid.
- The Amazing Parish conference is coming. Four parishioners were selected to be part of the leadership team. (Jeanie Stephens added that the organization has a website for more information.)
- The Encounter School Ministry will be at St Bernadette on May 10th and 11th. Registration and a fee are required for the school. A healing service, open to all, will follow at 7:30 p.m. on the 11th.
- The Totus Tuus youth programs will return to St. Bernadette this summer. There will be a program for those in grades 1-6 and another for those in grades 7-12. The dates are July 20-26. The cost is the same this year. There was positive feedback last year, so we are looking forward to an even better outcome this summer.

New Business:

- Jeanie Stephens noted that the parish has few pictures of our ministries at work. She suggested that the ministries capture pictures of their work.
- Jeanie Stephens reported that the parish does not do a lot of outreach except for St. Vincent DePaul. She suggested that it would be good to do more outreach. Sarah Holland said that the school does some outreach work and community service.
- Jeanie Stephens encouraged people to come to a healing service.
- Jeanie Stephens told the members that she attended a class called Unbound (Freedom in Christ) and suggested the class be offered at the parish.
- Several members reported that new construction in the area will likely result in more housing and families moving into the area.
- John Dickhaus asked about changing the Pastoral Council meeting to every other month unless a need arises. The members were in approval. Due to the holiday on July 4th, the July meeting of Pastoral Council will be Wednesday June 26 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting afterwards will be on September 4.
- John Dickhaus told the members that at the next meeting, the elections for Pastoral Council will be discussed.

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday June 25, 2019

Note: This meeting is to take the place of the July meeting.

Approved: 6/25/2019