

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

3/12/20 at 7 pm

Those in attendance: Fr. Dan, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Ryan Faust, Carrie Trame, Marvin Ratermann, Corey Toennies, Diana Koch, Beth Hollenkamp, and Holden Fuehne

Absent: Troy Pingsterhaus, Lori Kluemke, and Amy Strubhart

Minutes were approved from the 2/13/20 meeting upon motion by Ryan Faust and second by Corey Toennies.

Old Business:

Vocations Ministry: Ken Haselhorst will continue as lead for vocations ministry. Ryan Faust will be liaison to Ken. The goal would be to have a small team for vocations ministry, ideally one male and one female. May 3rd is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Ken will talk to CYM about doing something for vocations ministry and possible doing coffee and donuts after Mass.

Church Handicap Ramp: There will be a meeting with the architects on March 23rd. The architects have agreed to do a design build approach, which will help lower the cost of the project. The goal is to have the ramp done this year, which the architects think is feasible. The building plans for the ramp will need to be approved by the diocese before proceeding with the project.

Bridging the gap between Faith in Action Initiative and Mission 2020: Letters were sent to parishioners inviting them to the mission. Flyers will be put in bulletins of all three parishes of our cluster, as well as on cars after Mass, the Legion, and the April Village newsletter. There will also be yard signs placed around town and post cards handed out after Mass prior to the mission.

St. Francis Website: Our updated and revised website: Will be up and running on Monday, March 16th. The revised site will have a link to Mission 2020, as well as

links to register for VBS and PSR. There was discussion of adding links for CYM events and news, Knights of Columbus, partnership websites, and diocesan vocation office. Once feedback is received in regards to the website, further changes can be made as needed.

Facebook Page: Holden and Beth are the new administrators of St. Francis's Facebook page. They met with Lynn Huegen, the previous administrator, who gave them tips and ideas on what to post on the page. Parish Council members were also encouraged to share St. Francis Facebook posts to increase visibility to the page as well as what events are occurring at St. Francis.

New Business:

OSV envelopes: OSV has designed new Sunday contribution envelopes for the parish. The front of the envelope is linked with our Faith in Action Initiative logo and our new web home page. It will also have a box to mark if your contribution was already given online. The new envelopes should make their debut in June.

Corona Virus: During a discussion of the Coronavirus it was stated that the exchange of peace at Mass can be a head nod or wave instead of a hand shake. Council members Also discussed other common-sense measures to prevent spread such as not taking the Precious Blood from the chalice if you are sick.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Dan received a thank you note from someone that recently moved to Aviston expressing their appreciation for the basket received from the welcoming committee. The note will be forwarded to the welcoming committee.

Next St. Francis Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4/14/20 at 7 pm as Thursday, April 9 is Holy Thursday.

Closing prayer was the Our Father.