

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

2/13/20 at 7 pm

Opening prayer by Diana Koch.

Those in attendance: Fr. Dan, Deacon Steve AuBuchon, Ryan Faust, Carrie Trame, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart, Corey Toennies, Lori Klumke, Diana Koch, Beth Hollenkamp

Absent: Troy Pingsterhaus and Holden Fuehne

Minutes were approved from the 1/9/20 meeting upon motion by Marvin Ratermann and second by Ryan Faust.

Old Business:

Update on vocations ministry: Carrie Trame will discuss with Ken Haselhorst about continuing as coordinator of vocations ministry or transitioning to a new coordinator. Vocations include lifestyle, occupation, and ministry. The Ideal would be to develop a small team for vocations ministry.

Church Handicap Ramp: A meeting is scheduled for 2/25/20 with the team that is looking at the proposal for the new handicap ramp for the south side of the church with the goal of approving the proposal so that a meeting can occur with the architect to build the ramp.

Bridging the gap between Faith in Action Initiative and Mission 2020: Carrie Trame will reach out to OSV about getting redesigned envelopes for the parish. This was included in the cost of the Faith in Action initiative. The redesign has to be done at the time the envelopes are ordered. There will be another teleconference with the representative at OSV to discuss this.

Amy Strubhart was approached by an individual who wants to share their faith story at all three Masses. Discussion ensued about date to do this. Fr. Dan will get more information from Amy about the individual's story to determine when it would work best with that week's Scripture. Amy also stated this individual was inspired by Alexis Voyles' story.

St. Francis Website: Corey Toennies and Amy Strubhart working on a prototype for new website. Amy has teleconference with OSV on 2/14/20 to discuss ways to improve the blueprint. Carrie can help with maintenance of website once it is up and running.

Unsung Hero: Jerome Rakers was honored at the 2/2/20 7:30 am Mass.

Administration of St. Francis Facebook Page: Beth Hollenkamp is going to take over administration of the Facebook page from Lynn Huegen. At this time, Beth is unable to see what messages are sent to Facebook Messenger. She will work on becoming the primary administrator of the site.

New Business:

Messenger's Deacon Appreciation: Deacon Steve and Deacon Charlie will be honored in the March 2020 issue of Messenger with an ad of appreciation from the parish.

Next Joint Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for 5/12/20 at 7 pm at St. Felicitas Parish, Beaver, Prairie.

Pastor's Report

Mater Dei may use the Parish Center and Gym on March 3,4, and 5 for a retreat after Luke 18.

The parish sign beside the gym had lighting problems so new LED lights were installed.

There is progress on the search for a new housekeeper for the rectory and office.

Fr. Dan gave articles to the pastoral council, for their personal review, about the government not always telling the truth in regards to the war in Afghanistan as well as an article about needing to mobilize organizers to deal with climate change.

Next St. Francis Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 7 pm.

Opening prayer volunteer for next meeting is Amy Strubhart.

Closing prayer was led by Diana Koch.