

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
9/12/19

Jackie Chiarolanza opened the meeting with a prayer.

Those in attendance: Fr. Dan, Amy Strubhart, Ken Haselhorst, Marvin Ratermann, Jackie Chiarolanza, Diana Koch, Ryan Faust and Beth Hollenkamp

Absent: Carol Imming, Troy Pingsterhaus, Carrie Trame, and Deacon Steve AuBuchon

Minutes were approved from the 8/8/19 meeting, upon motion by Ryan Faust and seconded by Diana Koch.

Old Business

- Vocations Ministry – November 3-9 is National Vocations Week. Ken Haselhorst will be updating the council next month as to the events happening.
- Church Handicap Ramp – No new updates at this time.
- Columbarium – Father reported the columbarium has been ordered and the proof approved.
- Council Welcoming Committee – Diana communicates with new members inviting them to join our church. Several newcomers are willing to work at the church picnic in 2020. She will give the picnic chairs the list of names and they will contact them when the time comes.
- Young Adults Team – update
 - St. Louis Young Adults Meeting – Beth attended with Deacon Steve and Alex Venhaus. It's an organization that works with catholic young adults to try to get them more involved. The council's hope is to gather some ideas that may help St. Francis' young adults be more active in our parish.
 - Third Meeting results – 28 Aug 19. Amy met with a few young adults and discussed upcoming events.
 - Monthly meetings & the following monthly events are tentatively planned to be hosted by the Young Adults Team (if sufficient helping hands are identified):
 - September – Yoga – September 15
 - October – Cards & Camaraderie
 - November – Fall Fest (crafts, games, ice cream)
 - December – Children's Movie
- Faith in Action Initiative – September 7th - 8th was the kick – off. Parishioners returned their Faith in Action commitment cards. Alexis Voyles gave her witness testimony at the masses and was very well received. The council is planning to have more witnesses in the future. Another idea that was brought up is to have ministry team leads attend masses speaking about the impact and importance of their parish ministry. Thank you letters were mailed to parishioners that have returned their Faith in Action commitment

cards. A reminder letter was mailed to parishioners that have not returned their cards yet. In approximately six weeks, OSV will present the council with the final results.

- St. Francis Church Website – OSV is offering a website hosting service to our parish. Discussion ensued regarding the best business decision for St. Francis. The council’s goal is to provide the most effective and timely way of communication. The council voted to pursue the OSV website option and discuss with finance council.
- St. Francis Facebook – Beth has agreed to become an administrator of the parish FB page. She is creating “events” which will promote parish activities. She will continue to partner with Lynn Huegen to ensure the most effective and timely communication of parish events.
- Feast of the Assumption – Fr. Dan reported that nearly \$300 was collected at the outdoor mass. Grapperhaus Music was paid out of that and the remaining funds will be brought to our next Joint Pastoral Council meeting for discussion on how to disperse.
- Other Old Business- none

New Business

- A question was raised whether pastoral council members should attend parish activities. The Pastoral Council is an advisory board to the pastor and in that capacity is not primarily a governing body.
- Christmas Gift to Parish
 - Fr. Discussed the *Rediscover the Saints* Dynamic Catholic book. Another possibility would be the *Faith @ Work & Holy Moment* CDs. This discussion will also be discussed in October.

Pastor’s report

- Father Dan reported a small patch of mortar has detached on the backside of sacristy. The repairs will happen before the winter sets in and should only take a couple hours.
- The new shed is complete and Christmas decorations are stored in there. The labor and material for the shed were all donated.
- Father is still waiting for a few picnic bills; therefore there is no final tally to report.
- A bulletin announcement requesting nominations for parish council will begin in October. Voting will be the weekend Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

October 10 is the next meeting.

Diana will be doing the opening prayer for October.

The closing prayer was done by Fr. Dan.