

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

12/12/19 @ 7:00 pm

Opening prayer by Amy Strubhart.

Those in attendance: Fr. Dan, Troy Pingsterhaus, Jackie Chiarolanza, Ryan Faust, Ken Haselhorst, Carrie Trame, Steve AuBuchon, Beth Hollenkamp, Marvin Ratermann, Amy Strubhart, and Carol Imming.

Absent: Diana Koch

Minutes were approved from the 11/14/2019 meeting upon motion by Ken Haselhorst and seconded by Troy Pingsterhaus.

Old Business:

Vocations Ministry: Ken Haselhorst – All juniors from MD attend a seminary and convent tour. Ken will talk to the CYM junior members who might be interested to ensure that those who attend Central are also included. The next tour is currently planned for February or March 2020.

Church Handicap Ramp: Fr. Dan reported no new update.

Faith in Action (FIA): The approved, final report will be mailed to all parishioners over the next week. Mission preparation will tie in with FIA. The goal is to keep up the involvement and excitement stemming from the FIA Initiative.

St. Francis Church Website: Fr. Dan reported no new update.

OSV Update: Amy Strubhart reported Michelle Ostrowski is no longer with the OSV website team. Stephen Logan is now the lead.

Unsung Hero: The council discussed the nominations along with the updated rules of nominating an Unsung Hero. At this time, the council selected one nominee to receive the Unsung Hero honor. The family will be contacted and the person's name will remain anonymous until it is announced at one of the masses in January or February.

Christmas Gift to Parish: The council will hand out books and bookmarks at every Christmas Eve & Day Masses. Council members were assigned to each church entrance to pass the gifts out.

Year of 2019: The council recapped many activities of 2019. The council overhauled the Unsung Hero guidelines and selected an unsung hero. Council members attended three joint council meetings and supported the outdoor Feast of the Assumption Joint Parish Mass, sponsored by St. Francis in 2019. Additionally, the council introduced the Faith In Action Initiative and developed both a new church logo and new mission statement. Shirts with the new logos were made for the council members. The council explored other hosting options for the parish website. The council initiated use of the St. Francis Facebook page to broadcast upcoming parish events. The council met several times with young adults (18-30), brainstorming ways to increase excitement with the young adult population of our parish. To this end, council members attended an StL Young Adults meeting to hear about their efforts and coordinated several parish-wide yoga and children's events. The council held elections to replace the three outgoing members. Finally, the council initiated plans for the next church mission which will be May 2-7, 2020.

New Business:

New business: The votes were tallied for the nominations for the

Parish council. Lorie Kluemke, Corey Toennies and Holden Fuehne were the nominees with the majority of votes. Amy Strubhart will contact each to inform them of their selection as well as request their attendance at the next council meeting in January 2020.

Pastors report: The columbarium has arrived and was installed in the cemetery. It was paid for with funds from the cemetery fund. For security, a one foot by one foot plate door is locked and behind that is another door that is locked into place. When someone's ashes are placed, a piece of granite will be mailed off and the name will be engraved on it.

Next Joint Pastoral Council Meeting: February 11, 2020, 7:00pm, St. Francis Parish.

Next St. Francis Council Meeting: January 9, 2020, 7:00pm.
Opening prayer volunteer for next meeting is Carrie Trame.

Closing prayer given by Fr. Dan.

