

fSt. Paul the Apostle Parish
Pastoral Council Minutes — October 21, 2019

Present: Darlene Biedrzycki, David Ferraro, Robert MacDonald, David Holland, Tony Noll, Fr. Yamid Blanco, Diane Ingalsbe, Joan Walter, Jeffrey Volk, Grace Szczerba, Kristina Knesting, Marissa Johnson

Guests: Carl Christian

Members not in attendance: Kim Leslie, Nolan Tremelling

The September 16 Pastoral Minutes were approved and will be forwarded to Sue and Jenny to be published.

Council Member Changes

- Gene Blome stepped down from Parish Council
 - The Council welcomed David Ferrano, who will complete Mike Danielle's last year on Parish Council.
 - Jeff Volk will be serving the full three year term.

Opening Prayer was lead by Chairperson, Tony Noll. Various members of the Council added their own special intentions to the prayer.

Guest: Carl Christian, Grand Knight for Council 4831 of Knights of Columbus and Director of RCIA Program

- Pancake Breakfast to raise money for Seminarians
 - The best time for a pancake breakfast is, unfortunately, in the midst of our regular Sunday morning mass.
 - Would like permission for the Knights to sponsor a pancake breakfast on the 17th of November between the hours of 8 o'clock and noon Sunday morning.
 - He would also like to set up a table so people may make cash donations or purchase gift cards.
 - Has offered to have Knights in the Narthex herding people so there is less general traffic and noise happening during mass. They will have their fans blowing away from the chapel, as opposed to into it.
 - All the Knights will need from us is permission and the presence of St. Paul's Licensed Kitchen Person at the event (for Health Department reasons).
 - The Council discussed the possibility that the noise from the event could cause a significant distraction during mass, but overall ruled to undertake the risk while installing whatever precautions we can come up with.
 - Father will inform Carl of the Council's affirmative decision, as well as asking Mike about the identity of our Licensed Kitchen Person.

- The Council wishes to include the Hospitality Committee in on this event. Diane will talk to them at their next meeting on Nov. 7
- Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” program
 - Carl spoke briefly about the Knights’ program for recognizing extraordinary families in the parish and gave a handout for the Council to review.
 - Council did not have further discussion about this program, as the allotted time was spent going over the pros and cons of the pancake breakfast before voting on the event.

Old Business

Siena Schools Update

- Siena is coming this Saturday and Sunday, October 26th and 27th. Brenda White will be given 15 minutes of time, immediately after the homily, to utilize as she chooses.
- On the note of the Siena Schools Darlene mentioned that a round of pink envelopes just came in through the counting committee.

Reports & Presentations

Fr. Yamid’s Report

- The changing of Father’s day off to Monday is now officially enacted.
- Father received an email from ArchMilwaukee
 - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday this year. It has been moved to that Monday and the Holy day obligation has been lifted.
 - The earliest an Easter Vigil mass may start is 8PM, and so our Easter Vigil will commence at 8PM this year, at which our RCIA candidates will be receiving their sacraments.
- Father thanked Robert for his excellent Stewardship speech
- The first two Youth Masses have gone off swimmingly and were well received.
 - Father wanted to thank the Deacons for everything they do.
- On Oct 7-11 Father attended a hispanic priest convention.
- Technology Committee
 - Sound system proposal from Mike
 - For the improvements and replacement of wireless mics,
 - Purchase of extras; hymn boards, wireless choir boom mics, etc. Amazing Parish Group
 - Darlene asked Father to explain the Amazing Parish
 - Father gave a brief summary, Darlene voiced a positive opinion of the Amazing Parish videos that are available on the Arch website and inquired about possibly using the videos for Pastoral Council
- The St. Louis Festival made \$20,000 in profit
- Sue, the St. Louis Parish Council Chair suggested St. Paul’s institute a “Sacrifice Sunday”

- Sacrifice Sunday was explained as essentially posing the question to the parish, “Are you planning on doing something, such as going out to eat with your family and spending maybe \$100? Would you sacrifice that outing and instead donate the funds to your church?”
- St. Louis made \$21,000 in that weekend alone
- We will be keeping this event in mind as we continue to work on our 3 and 5 year goals.

Fr. Yamid Generational Meetings

- Oct. 6th meeting
 - Very low attendance.
 - Father is not worried about the low attendance as the 0-40 age group makes up the smallest percent of our parish demographic.
 - The next meeting, which will be in January, will also be promoted better with FlockNote.

Pastoral Council FlockNote Communication

- The Council discussed that while FlockNote is a great “alarm system,” it’s just not set up to be a primary means of two way communication. Parish Council communication will continue to be made through traditional email, at least until we are all more familiar with how FlockNote works in general.

Pastoral Plan — First steps (Ongoing)

- Stewardship Committee
 - Suggested we try to get not only just male and female members, but also a varying of ages.
 - Easiest way to do so: focus on talent
 - Can check the census information for possible candidates.
 - HOMEWORK: All members of Council will attempt to bring 1-2 names of people they think would be good candidates for the Stewardship Committee.
 - If any members of Council are too shy to approach the person they suggest, Robert has volunteered to approach people about joining the Committee.
- David F. is an usher and has suggested calling an all Usher’s meeting to talk to the ushers about perhaps joining the Stewardship Committee
 - Kristina mentioned that the Prayer and Worship Commission has a meeting for all members of its subsets (including ushers) in the works.
- Missioninsite data
 - Trends
 - Ethnicity of parish is unchanged: mostly White Anglo Saxons
 - Our percentage of married and children is flat

- Darlene suggested we schedule a half-day planning session and watch the Amazing Parish Videos (which cover topics such as, “The 5 dysfunctions of a team” and “Strategic Planning”)
- Robert suggested we have a meeting with all committees
 - David H. knows someone who works as a facilitator for this sort of thing
 - Asked the Council to check their calendars for the feasibility of having a meeting on the 3rd Monday of November to have a facilitator to speak to the Pastoral Council and the rest of the Committees

Committee Minutes

Liaison Reports

- Evangelization (Marissa)
 - The Rosary table in the Narthex was steadily distributing 7-10 Rosaries a week. With the movement of the table, we’ve noticed a decrease. We were wondering if we could move the table back to it’s previous, more visible location?
 - Father doesn’t want the Narthex looking too much like marketplace. Believes that most parishioners know where the table is and what stuff is on it by now. Said we could move the table during extraneous events, such as the upcoming Rosary Talk, and then put it back for everyday use.

Father Yamid concluded the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marissa Johnson