

St. Paul the Apostle Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 24, 2018

Attendees: Jack Johnston, Rick Peltier, Steve Morelli, Colleen Kechter, Randy Schlicht, Diane Ingalsbe, Emily Blome, Tony Noll, Kim Leslie, Alison Donovan, Fr. Yamid Blanco, Joan Walter, Mike Delaney, Kristina Knesting, Nolan Tremeling

Guest Speaker:

We opened with a presentation by John Ellgas on “Hub Parishes”. John explained that a Hub Parish is a larger-sized parish in a geographical area which has the capacity to share ministries with other supporting parishes in the area. John mentioned that St. Paul the Apostle is of sufficient size to act as a hub parish. John presented the many options available for offering ministries, programs and services either at various sites or at the hub parish. The hub parish concept has the potential to improve the quality of ministry and can maximize the use of pastoral staff and resources and ease the administrative and ministerial load of pastors in small or multi-parish situations.

August meeting minutes were approved as issued.

Administrative Reports:

Fr. Yamid Thanked everyone involved for Colleen's retirement gathering. He also said that there will be a Mass of Healing held in conjunction with the Drug Presentation to raise awareness and healing for those families impacted by drug addiction. Father reported that the Amazing Parish Ministry will be attended by himself, Amy Wallschlaeger and Phyllis Orloski-Johnson. Father mentioned that he was approached by a parishoner regarding the blessing of children. It was suggested to Father that he, nor any of the other Eucharist ministers should touch the children when blessing them as to avoid spreading further germs.. Father also stated that the search for a new Parish Administrator was going well and they were getting close to making a decision.

Colleen: (as presented by Fr. Yamid) The Confidential Financial Statement has been submitted to the Archdiocese as required. Colleen continues to work on the Annual Financial Report to the Parish and hopes to have the bulk of it done before she leaves so that the new person just has to finish it up. The Archdiocesan Fall Mass headcount will be October 13th and 14th. Ushers will do the headcount and Jennie will submit to the Archdiocese. The engineering firm of Nielsen, Madsen and Barber is working with Mt. Pleasant to change the lot line border on the Emmertsen road property, with the intent to sell off the house and front acre of land and keep the back land (just under 2 acres) for future parish needs. The house will be listed with John and Jean Shoenwaelder, who are parish members. Lastly, Colleen wanted to remind liaisons to committees to remind and encourage the committees to submit a facility request form for all events. This form is what generates the set-up, heat/air being on and the opening up and locking up of the building. Forms are in the ushers room or Sue can email a digital copy.

Alison: Alison reported that the binder with all of the Council Minutes is in the library and available for parishoners to review. She reported that the minutes will also be on the parish website. Alison also asked for any feedback on the idea of putting a suggestion box in the library for parishoner input. She also stressed the need for liaisons to emphasize with their committees to decide who will be attending the Multi-Parish Ministry Institute program, which begins in February.

Committee Minutes Update: Tony Noll informed that the Drug Presentation has been moved to January. Tony is still getting feedback from other parishes as to participation. **Jack Johnston** asked for confirmation that the Safety and Security Committee is indeed a stand alone committee and that was confirmed. Jack also asked if Safety and Security should report up through the Finance Council or through the Pastoral Council. Fr. Yamid said he would clarify and get back to me.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Yamid

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Johnston