

St. Paul the Apostle Pastoral Council

17 June 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Holland, Diane Ingalsbe, Gene Blome, Evelyn Blome, Nolan Tremelling, Randy Schlicht, Marissa Johnson, Kim Leslie, Alison Donovan, Jack Johnston, Rick Peltier, Steve Morelli, Darlene Biedrzycki, Jeff Volk, Anthony Noll, Grace Szczerba, Kristina Knesting, Fr. Yamid Blanco, Mike Chuchara

Excused: Joan Walter, Robert MacDonald

Guests: Susan Machoviak and Donna Mooney, both of St. Louis parish

We opened in prayer. There is an All-Council Retreat Tuesday, July 16th. All incoming and outgoing members are welcome to attend the bonfire/potluck. It will begin around 4pm, ending around 9pm. RSVP to Susan at St. Louis.

Each adult member of the parish council serves as a liaison to one of the parish committees, and youth members are invited to participate or float between various committees as they see fit. The leads from most of the St. Paul committees shared brief overviews of their respective committees:

Human Concerns – Diane Younk

- Currently ~8-9 members
- Support community non-profits and Catholic giving programs such as: Lenten Rice Bowl and Advent Giving Tree projects, sock drive and afghans for veterans/nursing homes, Holy Day collections, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Crafters, Sunshine Club (part of Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled), Healthcare Network, CareNet, Bethany Apartments (Racine), Racine Vocational Ministry, Jail Ministry, Racine Friendship Clubhouse, etc.
- Various outreach opportunities with area nursing homes (Bingo at St. Monica's, Visitation Ministry), as well as our sister parish in Marty, South Dakota.
- Respect Life (sub-committee of Human Concerns) – Bonnie Obernberger
 - Meets during the day Jan-Oct
 - Provide Baptismal Bag to families and sends 1-year anniversary cards as follow-up, Crafters donate blankets
 - Spiritual adoption for the unborn, displayed crosses in the narthex to raise awareness of lives lost due to abortion during October Respect Life month

Building & Grounds – Alan Obermeyer

- Could use more members
- Review bids for maintenance and make recommendations to the finance committee.
- Members help dust/vacuum/set-up chairs and other miscellaneous projects.
- Safety & Security (sub-committee of Building & Grounds)
 - Members include two RN's, a fire chief, law enforcement
 - Review / create policies on topics such as: severe weather, disorderly person, active shooter, fire, medical training, entrance security, etc.

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Prayer & Worship – Deacon Dale Nees

- Overview attached
- Agenda based on the liturgical year. Discuss items including: environment, liturgical needs/ministries and formation of liturgical ministers. Pre-plan for upcoming liturgical seasons and celebrations.

Evangelization & Christian Formation – Veronica Heiser

- Overview attached, more members welcomed and needed
- Book giveaways to parish at Christmas and Easter
- Hearts Afire programming e.g. 33 Days to Mary, Consoling Heart of Jesus; Also some other adult formation programs
- Evangelize at the Racine County Fair with the goal of helping to form disciples
- Also help support our DRE (Amy) through programs with youth at our parish

Vocations – Chair was Judy Savard, new chair TBD

- Currently ~5-6 members
- Meet 2nd Wednesday of the month during the day
- Send cards to support the seminarians
- Fund was setup for support, to be discussed further

Stewardship – No chair/committee currently; should be re-activated per Archdiocesan guidelines.

Technology Committee – Mike Chuchara spoke on behalf of committee

- Currently ~7-8 members
- Evaluate hardware and technology interface with parishioners and others
- Reviewing/Discussing our parish's Facebook/social media presence
- Reviewing our current in-place technology, open discussion around potential upgrades to our sounds system with vendor quotes currently pending

Finance Committee – Rick Peltier spoke on behalf of the budget for next fiscal (attached).

The archdiocese requests details on overcoming the budget deficit. Post-confidential statements of unrestricted finances are sent to the Archdiocese. Healthy reserves are critical for unexpected parish costs, such as a roof, furnace, etc., but can be eaten up by deficits. Legacy funds are restricted and thus excluded from parish financial assessments; they can only be used for capital projects such as a roof and not for daily operations.

The May meeting minutes were approved with the following addendums:

- Safety policy was approved by the council
- New Business items should include developing priorities and focus around: youth, technology, and welcoming

Notes/Discussions on Committee minutes:

- Safety/Medical/Volunteer forms were put forth and discussed, but only a verbal nod was given for fire/medical. Fr. Yamid met with the committee reps to adjust the volunteer

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form from 3 pages to 2 pages. The new draft will be resubmitted to the council for approval. A new proposal on disorderly persons will also be submitted to the council.

- It was brought up that the current committee policy process “approval” flow doesn’t turn committee recommendations to a policy. Following discussion, it was agreed that a committee presents policies to the parish council, then Fr. Yamid and Mike Chuchara sign off. Following the acceptance of parish council and Fr. Yamid and Mike’s signatures, the committee should then implement the policy.
- Building & Grounds have experienced ongoing maintenance that brings some concerns with a new part-time role (versus previous full-time role) for maintenance. The committee is looking to put together a volunteer list to call for help as needed so as to maintain adequate building coverage. Mike Chuchara noted that the current position as well as the previous maintenance position is par-time.
- Stewardship Committee needs to be reactivated as this is an Archdiocesan-mandated committee. A pulpit-push was suggested and this topic will be tabled for the next parish council meeting (August 2019).

Fr. Yamid’s report

- June 27th was the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign Meeting in Kenosha. Fr. Yamid registered a group to attend.
- Please welcome Dave Holland as a new parish trustee secretary.
- Holy Hour is moved back to Thursdays 9-2, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the month from 2-3.
- Each committee will be doing monthly introductions during mass to help recruit new members.
- Fr. Yamid is planning 3 meetings with parishioners of age groups 20-40, 40-60, and 60+ as an opportunity to interact more closely. He will share a PowerPoint of the mission on which we are working along with the various parish committees.
- Thanks all for the celebration for Fr. Bill’s ordination anniversary.

Recommendations to engage the youth: church picnic, kid’s movie night.

New Business: Request to use St. Paul the Apostle as a voting site.

Diane shared that she was approached to consider that St. Paul open itself as an election site for voting. She shared some of the research, including: voting sites are a 4-5 year commitment, volunteers would need access to the kitchen and the site would be open 6am-11pm or later. The church would receive \$100/day, and would need to be open 2-4 times / year for elections.

Questions around snow removal and insurance are still open questions, but given those concerns and potential wear-tear on our site, the council agreed that we were NOT interested in interested in St. Paul to be an election site.

We closed in prayer.

Our next parish council meeting is Monday, August 19th at 6:30pm. Finance Committee meets the second Monday of the month, with the next meeting August 12th at 6:30pm. The next all committee meeting is Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm. All Committee Night will resume to the 1st Monday of the month in October following the Labor Day holiday.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Knesting