

St. Paul the Apostle Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes March 18, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Yamid Blanco, Alison Donovan, Rick Peltier, Jack Johnston, Randy Schlicht, Diane Ingalsbe, Kim Leslie, Kristina Knesting, Tony Noll, Evelyn Blome. Excused; Steve Morelli and Joan Walter.

Guest: John Elgas

Opening Prayer

February 2019 Minutes – Approved

Fr. Yamid's Report:

Father reported that the Lenten schedule was published in the bulletin the past two weeks. This will hopefully cut down on the number of phone calls coming into the office asking about various Lenten services. Father reported that this was his first time presenting the Stewardship Campaign from the pulpit and it wasn't a very comfortable experience. The Arch had recommended that this is the way it should be presented but quite a few parishes did not have the priest do the presentation. Father asked parishoners to make their commitments and seal the envelopes and give them to ushers. The response was pretty good. Father confirmed that there were 4 candidates who have been Baptized and they will receive Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Service. In response to the suggestion that the office be open during services and manned by volunteers, it was decided that there will be a Welcoming Table set up in the gathering space once a month, once again manned by volunteers. Father reported that we have begun forming a Technology Committee. This new Committee will address things like social media, the screens, our sound system and our website. Evelyn Blome said that she and her father would like to join the Technology Committee and she was directed to contact Mike Chuchara. Father has invited Robert McDonald, who is with Johnson Bank to join the Finance Committee and he has accepted. Father reported that he met with Deacon Eric and John Elgas to discuss welcoming efforts outside of our parish.

John Elgas - "Lost Sheep" (revised): John did not present any revisions to his October presentation. He expressed his frustrations and asked that the Council take some actions and make some decisions. Alison asked about what 3 questions should be asked, if and when we begin making outreach calls. John stated that the purpose of the call is fourfold; 1) Let the parishoner know that they are part of us 2) Let them know that we care about their general welfare 3) Let them know that we care about their spiritual welfare and 4) Ask what can we do to help? Much discussion ensued after John left and nothing was decided or resolved.

Alison Donovan: Alison commented on the Friday Fish Fry. In general, it went well and was very well received. Because most of the people working the fish fry were new to it, there is some fine tuning that could make it run more smoothly. Regarding "**Committee Dinners**", it was suggested that we look at holding a spaghetti dinner and having one or two committees give a short description of their work and invite people to join or at least check it out. Doing it in a more relaxed social environment would be more welcoming. There was some discussion about doing the same thing with a Pancake Breakfast. In either case, the Knights of Columbus have offered their help. **The 2019 Elections** were discussed. Jack is completing his 2nd 3 year term. Mike Delaney is moving so his seat will be open. Alison and Randy are completing their 1st 3 year term. Evelyn and Nolan, as Youth Representatives will need to run again if they wish to serve. Steve Morelli is managing the Election Committee and has proposed dates for nominations and the election itself. Steve will share with the Council once he gets an okay on the dates.

Alison (continued) Alison stated that we really need a Parish Plan. Jack will email the Council with a Parish Plan that was put together in 2015 and the results of the Parish Survey, that was also done in 2015. These things can be used as a framework to begin the planning process.

Committee Minutes Update: Tony Noll provided some ideas and examples of how other parishes advertise their events. More discussion will follow. Jack Johnston asked if the Safety and Security Committee policies needed Council approval or if they should just go to Mike Chuchara for implementation. It was determined that they should come to the Council. Jack will email the Council for discussion at next months meeting.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Yamid

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Johnston