

St. Paul the Apostle Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

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

Opening Prayer

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Fr. Yamid's Report:

Father reported that he wants to do two youth masses each month. We will not have the youth masses during the summer but will resume in September. Father wanted to thank everyone that helped with the Lenten Fish Fries. The second one went much smoother. Father reported that the Multi-Parish meeting went well. Our Parish will invite them back next year for discussion of how we have improved and how we can continue to improve.. Confirmation Mass will be held at St. Paul this coming weekend, April 20. Father shared the feedback comments that he had requested at last weekends masses (4/13 and 4/14). Following are some of the comments Fr. Received; “We need better lighting under the hymn board, it is very hard to see.” Along the same lines, “We need some lights on the listing of songs for the Mass on the weekends. You can't see them from mid-way back in church and sometimes the Cantors don't speak directly into the microphone and we can't hear them.” On a positive note, “I love the children going up to the altar and receiving a blessing. It would be nice to ask who hasn't held the crucifix or the book so that the shyer children also get a chance.” Lenten comment, “Please explain why St. Paul cannot have even one class during Lent presented by a qualified speaker such as a Deacon, Priest or qualified lay person.” More positive comments, “You do a wonderful job.” And Finally, “I love the more traditional music. Please, no screens in church (Technology Committee)”

Alison Donovan: Alison asked if there is a policy binder available that would spell out policy as it relates to fund raisers. Father suggested that we get whatever policy there is and make adjustments and inform Council. Tony Noll asked that Council be informed in advance and be able to review and discuss any proposed adjustments. Alison provided an election update; we received 31 nominees and 25 have declined so far. After the fact, we ended up with 5 adults and 4 youth on the ballot. We also ended up with two Trustee candidates who were invited by Fr. Yamid. It was determined that Steve Morelli, Tony Noll, Phyliss Johnson and Jack Johnston will man the tables at the election masses on May 11/12. Alison noted that St. Louis is celebrating their 175th anniversary this year. She suggested that St. Paul at least make a gesture and offer to help in any way we can.

Committee Minutes Update: Joan Walter informed that the Building and Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers since they are losing some current members. Tony Noll suggested that we find a spot for a Memorial Garden. Alison commented that the Vocations Committee will be looking for new members in September. Helen Suda will keep it going until then.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Yamid

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Johnston