

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

May 9, 2017

Call to Order:

The Pastoral Council meeting was held in the Father Joyce Room of the Pastoral Center and convened at 7:10pm with an opening prayer led by Father Pierz.

Attendance:

Present at the meeting: Father Michael Pierz, Joe Audette, Mikie Cook, George Cornwell, Gary Lawrence, Dorothea MacNeil, Paula Raiche, David Ross, Claire Seaver, Julie Smist, and Mary Socha.

Guests: Dale Marie Breault.

Not Present: Wayne Ball, Sue Chamberland, and Mary Scannell

Review of the March minutes: Read and accepted with one change to the Finance Council update from Father.

Spiritual Life Commission: There are seven members of the newly formed Commission. Dale Marie Breault from the Spiritual Life Commission updated the Council on their preparations for the Our Lady of Fatima 100th anniversary. Dale noted that they will have an event near the 13th of each month of the celebration beginning with a viewing of the movie "The 13th Day" on Friday May 12th in the Pastoral Center and culminating with the closing of the season on October 15th at St. Michael's Cathedral with the Bishop.

Finance Council Update: Mary Socha reported that at the most recent Finance Council meeting three proposals were recommended by the Building and Maintenance Commission and approved by the Finance Council. The three proposals that we approved were: an upgrade to the fire alarm systems that will meet new government regulations, a buyout of the current copier lease contract, and new garage doors so that the detached garage can be secured therefore allowing it to be used for more storage.

Updates from Commission Chairs:

Evangelization: Mikie said the welcome cards in the pews have given us information of three families looking for a parish home. Mikie has cleaned up the cards since there are very few visitors this time of year. The question was posed on whether the cards should be out at all. Father would like the cards at the entrances instead of in the pews.

The library is going well and being used.

The Commission has looked at other parish's registration forms to get ideas. Father asked if we have a welcome packet for new parishioners. We used to have one but not currently and he would like to look into having a welcome packet again.

Faith Formation: Dorothea reported CCD class numbers along with numbers of young people receiving the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. They will be having vacation bible school in the summer.

Confirmation has been in the fall in recent years. Father wondered why we don't have it in the spring when most other Parishes have theirs. Dorothea will look into having it in the spring.

Parish Family Life: Paula noted Family Life would like to consider a pasta appreciation dinner for all people who have volunteered for the Parish in any way. The Commission would also like to restart the Parish summer picnic at St. John's field. Father encouraged the Commission to pursue both of these items.

Worship: Julie had nothing additional to discuss other than what was in the minutes from the Worship Commission.

Open Discussion: A lengthy discussion ensued about where different activities belong and under which Commission they best fit. Several suggestions were given to Gary. Gary will update the listing of activities and which Commission they fall under and at the next Pastoral Council meeting we will review the listing and look into contact people and invite them to attend appropriate Commission meetings.

Seminarian in Residence: Father announced a Seminarian will be staying with us during the summer months of June and July. His name is Sinh. Sinh will be assisting in the homebound ministry along with getting familiar with Parish life.

Father Pierz's Comments: Dave Picard is to be ordained a Deacon on May 20th at 11:00am at St. Michael's Cathedral. His first homily will be at Mass on Sunday, May 21st at 8:00am and again at 10:30am Mass followed by a reception after the 10:30 Mass.

The Maris Missionary will be coming for a weekend at the end of May.

Adjournment:

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Julie.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Pastoral Council meeting: Tuesday June 13th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the FJR.