

May 2016 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with an opening prayer.

Members Present: Patty Linn (2), Mary Johnston (2), Patti Van Kampen (1), John Hubbard (2), Amanda Baltz (1), Fr. Dennis, Nadine Weske (1), Virginia Rader (1), Rozanne Schmidtlein (3), Jon Gabik (1), Tony Erba (1), Mary Linn (3)

Trustees present: Bob Kowalsky (HF), Tom Dean (SR)

Guest: Katie Kasper (SR Finance Chair), Kevin Long (HF Finance Chair), Kevin Keenan SR (Pastoral Council potential member)

Proceedings:

- Approval of Agenda and April Minutes
- Saint Robert Finance report given by Katie Kasper. 2016-2017 Budget Summary: Fiscal health continues to improve but significant work remains; the coming year will have a \$60,000 deficit. Some major work on the roof and gym floor and the additional expense of new Associate Pastor have contributed to the deficit. Sustainability is a key area of focus for the Finance Council. Policies and decisions should account for that sustainability. Finance Council addresses all decisions with this question, "How can we be good steward of the gifts entrusted to the Parish?" The School tuition continues to increase. 120 families enrolled in the school. \$50,000 in tuition assistance. Finance wants to show appreciation to the school families. They are working on ways to keep the tuition in line and increase enrollment. SR buildings are old and the need for repairs is costly.
- Pastor's report: Fr. Dennis thanked the outgoing Pastoral Council members with a plaque of St. Mina. He reported that there is a con artist making his way to the northern parishes. He claims to need money to get back to Israel. Our new Associate pastor is Fr. David Zampino. He is a convert from the Episcopal Faith. He is married with eight children. He expects to place him in charge of Religious Education and school ministry. He will use Gail's St. Robert office.
- Kevin Long presented HF Finances. HF is in strong financial shape. They expect a 2% raise for staff and additional expenditure for the new Associate Pastor-health insurance.
- New Member Discernment: Jake Hanson, Kevin Keenan, and Pat Kessenich.
- Amanda Baltz will have a meeting for the Parish planning group. They will work on a framework for the Parish wide strategic planning meeting in the fall. We might be looking to add a member with finance experience to join the planning group.
- Committee Reports:
 - Human Concerns will have Habitat Speakers at masses.
 - SR School is looking into a Special Ed component. The program will be a for fee service. HF is interested but cannot begin this fall.
 - SR prayer and worship will have rosary and Stations of the Cross. Seeker Path Journey set for Sept. 12, 2016. Working on more community between masses. There will be a farewell party for Fr. Peter Patrick on August 14, 2016.
 - HF Prayer and Worship reviewed Easter masses and First Communion. They are working on Pentecost and Corpus Christi. Feeding America is slated for May 21, 2016. A summer pilgrimage to Chicago Shrines is in the works. Summer Liturgies include a vocation mass, a Gospel Choir Mass with All Saints, a hospitality mass, Evening outdoor mass, Ice Cream social mass for teens leaving on the mission trip.

SR/HF Formation are working on a short term recruitment. They would like information printed for all Formation opportunities from Baptism to Marriage. They are looking at targeted hospitalities to engage parents of Religious Education students. They are interested in cookie packages with messages. They are working on ways to increase the exposure and the value of the Religious Education program. They are working on increasing their visibility on Facebook. A Longer term goal is to explore an intensive summer program or a home school program. We are looking into ways to increase mass attendance with event type masses that involve the children.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:35.

Minutes submitted by Patty Linn