

Pastoral Council Minutes

September 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Tony Erba with an opening prayer.

Members Present: Virginia Rader, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Peter Patrick, Jon Gabik, Stephen Chitwood, Nadine Weske, Kevin Keenan, Rita McKillip, Therese Ciofani, Kent Maly, Elaine Steele, Tony Erba, and Patti Van Kampen

Members not present: Jake Hansen, Bob Kowalski, Joe O'Neil, Tom Dean

Trustees present: Dave Schultz

Proceedings:

- Approval of Agenda and June Minutes, with an amendment to add Bob Kowalski as an attendee
- Therese Ciofani was welcomed as the new HF Pastoral Council member and liaison to the School commission, replacing Sarah Schneider.
- Tony Erba reviewed the materials in the binders, which will serve as a template for future meeting discussions, and highlighted his desire to keep all discussions to the allotted time frame and use our time effectively.
- Pastor's report: Fr. Dennis discussed the SR budget for 2017-2018, projected to show a deficit of \$74,677. He reviewed the letter that was required to be sent to the Archbishop, and noted that Archbishop Listecki had approved the budget. On a positive note, the Father Dennis Challenge produced revenues of \$61,200 and allowed SR to operate in the black for the latest six month period.
 - HF closed out fiscal (June) 2017 with a surplus of \$25,000, and the 2018 budget initially targeted a small surplus result. Positives included an increase in weekly contributions, and a successful Fish Fry season. However, the need to hire a new school principal at a higher salary, along with an enrollment shortfall of 14 students, has shifted the projected small surplus to a deficit estimated at \$25,000 for the school and parish budgets overall. The Finance Council will continue to work with all parties on ways to eliminate the deficit.
 - The new principal is a graduate of HF school, and her mother is a former teacher at the school.
 - September 17 is the annual meeting for HF parish.
- Council Items: Tony Erba previewed and led a discussion about goals and plans for the Pastoral Council for the upcoming year. Time will be set aside at all future meetings for this ongoing dialogue. The focus will be on finding ways to make the cluster (SR and HF parishes) function better and more smoothly, recognizing that we are integrated, and that we do not favor one parish over the other. What do we want to look like in 5 years? What are the goals and actions over the next 3 years to achieve this? Ultimately, the Pastoral Council should put together a very clear plan that will provide a roadmap for leadership after Fr. Dennis. Planning will keep in mind the guidance and objectives of the Archdiocesan Synod and the Commission on Discipleship. There was some discussion of work already being done through the various commissions at both parishes, and on how best to organize and communicate that work. There will be a need to identify the many moving parts, including those areas and tasks that do not fall neatly under a particular commission.

- New Items: Tony Erba highlighted several opportunities for PC members to serve, be present, and become more involved. Council members were reminded to wear their name tags at parish events.
 - Alpha program on Monday nights at HF: PC will provide food and attend one week.
 - Sept. 19 Parish Assessment at St. Monica, from 2-4pm. Information will be provided on the rationale for raising the assessments paid by the parishes to the Archdiocese.
 - St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor" walk on Sept. 30.
 - Fall Leadership Conference at the Archdiocese, on Nov.3 or 4.
- Commission Reports:
 - SR Prayer and Worship provided a summary of issues, including the recitation of the Gloria at Mass, and traffic flow at the children's Masses.
 - HF Schools commission is addressing various ways to increase enrollment.
 - HF Prayer and Worship: Outdoor Mass held on August 26; long range goals include closer co-operation with the SR Prayer and Worship committee, especially for next year's Holy Week liturgies.
 - Many commissions did not meet over the summer, but the intention is to devote 20 minutes of each meeting to this important topic.
- Fr. Peter Patrick announced an event to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. On October 29, between the two Masses at HF, there will be a service at Bay Shore Lutheran following a procession from Holy Family to Bay Shore Lutheran. More details to follow.

Next PC meeting is scheduled for October 4 , 2017 at 6:30 @ Holy Family

Meeting was closed with the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis at 8:10.

Minutes submitted by Patti Van Kampen