

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 24, 2019

Present: Fr. Eugene, Fr. Andrew, Fr. Homero, Scott Brandt, Anne Brosmer, Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Ben Schwenk, Patty Brosmer, Mike Hagerdon, Ann Rasche, Dan Fritch, Jacqueline Ripberger, Bridgette Bartley, Pam Freyberger, Tracie Ihle, Max Verkamp

Absent: Jerry Birge, Lynn Scheu, Carmen Miranda, Greg Fuhs, Moises Basilio

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Eugene

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Scott Brandt.

Introductions of everyone occurred.

The minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved. Dan made a motion to approve. Ann seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

1. Parish Strategic Plan – *Scott reported*

- Name tag Sunday occurred and was successful. Many positive experiences were shared. Will be occurring again this upcoming Sunday.

2. Evangelization & Outreach - *Mike reported*

- Sunday, August 25th, Bishop Siegel will install Fr. Eugene as Pastor at the 11 am Mass.
- Friday, October 18th, Holy Trinity will have an All School Mass at 9 am.
- Bishop Siegel will celebrate a White Mass on Tuesday, October 29th at 6 pm.

New Business

1. Parish Pastoral Council Elections – 3 seats are open.
 - a. Scott is not eligible to run. Ben and Bridgette are both eligible to run again and have agreed to do so.
 - b. We need to secure some additional nominations.
 - c. Tentative date for elections is the weekend of August 17/18.
2. Jerry has agreed to reduce his current term to a two-year term and will roll off in 2020 in order to even out the Council membership.
3. Dan made a motion that Scott Brandt be appointed as the Strategic Planning Representative to the Council for the next 12 months. Patty seconded the motion. It was approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported.*

- Assessed \$323,000 by Holy Trinity vs \$300,000 estimate due to 5 additional students over initial estimates. We are in the 5th year of the original agreement. All 74 students, 48 families, have been validated.
- 10th Street School – still talking to the school system about the future of the property.
- Year-end financials – total income of \$1,476,688, which was under budget by \$1,823, and total expenses of \$1,488,220, which were under budget by \$9,709.
- Total Budget for 2019/20 is \$1,489,640, an increase of \$11,129.
- Juanita Boehm has stepped down from the Finance Committee after 22 years of service.
- Approved the Plaza Concrete Preservation Work at a cost of \$8,000.

- Church Renovation Project
 - Fr. Eugene has been given a high level overview of the project.
 - Renovation committee has finalized the immediate repair work of phase 1 totaling around \$300K. Targeted to be done by the end of the year.
 - Establishing a Vision Document for Phase 2 and 3.
 - Includes purpose of the renovation, functions of the Church and the grounds, and the proposed exterior and interior areas to consider.
 - Milestone schedule with architect/engineering fees being established.
 - Go/no go decision is next step.
 - Evaluate the Parish's ability to raise the needed funds. Estimate could be up to \$6M.
 - Create a Capital Campaign to raise the funds
 - Decision on timing to proceed
 - Schematic Design Phase
 - Design Development
 - Capital Campaign
 - Contract Documents Phase
 - Bidding Process
 - Construction Phase (Estimate Q1 2021 with completion in Q4 2022)
 - Targeting to come back in to Council in August with request for approval to move forward.

EDUCATION: *Tracie reported*

- First Communion: Switching to Signs of Grace an Augustine Institute program that is set to engage every part of the family (parents, 2nd grade child, and siblings). Components for classroom as well as components for home.
 - Two options will be offered. Sunday morning or Tuesday evenings for family formation twice a month.
 - A parent track will have three options: small group in home study, Tuesday evening adult study, or by going on "FORMED" and doing it by yourself, 24/7.
- First Reconciliation scheduled for January 11th.
- First Communion is the last weekend of April. Program will run in the Fall and Spring.
- Books by Bishop Barron have been ordered on the sexual abuse crisis in the church. We will make it available for parishioners at \$2 a book and will provide an option for a book discussion a few weeks after making the books available.
- Rock your Faith was Amazing!! - 120 middle school students (all parishes except 3 in the deanery participated). Discussed ways at the Education Commission meeting to try and carry this momentum through the school year. Every evening of RYF there was a speaker for parents. Great feedback was given from parents as to how much they appreciated the talks. Service day with the youth included Restore (Habitat for Humanity), Sisters of St. Benedict, Hope Garden, all the parishes in the area, Bosco House, nursing homes, and a widowed parishioner who needed help with landscaping.
- Confirmation is scheduled February 16 at the 11AM Mass. NET Ministries are being scheduled to provide a retreat for Confirmation class on our campus.
- Religious education registration will all be online this year. Paper registrations will be made available through the schools. A postcard will go out this week to all RE families.
 - First night of Middle/High School Religious Education is Wednesday, September 4.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Nothing reported.*

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LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported:*

- Have not met recently.
- All stained glass windows have been repaired and returned. They look very good.
- The 4 pm Mass on August 3rd will be a Polka Mass, and the 9 am Mass on August 4th will be the German Heritage Mass.

YOUTH: *Jacqueline reported.*

- One Bread One Cup at St. Meinrad attended by 3 youth (St. Mary's and St. Joe's represented).
- Parent small groups attended by 8-10 adults on the two nights. Positive discussion followed talks.
- At Rock Your Faith, 20 middle school students signed up for ministry updates, even more flyers were handed out. 10 high school students signed up for more info about NCYC.
- Notre Dame Vision attended by 3 youth and 3 adults.
- Middle school update: MS Mornings at both JMS and Holy Trinity, visits to Holy Trinity religion classes, and **NEW** Wed. Nights for MS hosted by Ministry House. Will continue monthly social nights and twice yearly service projects as well.
- Fr. Andrew has agreed to replace Fr. Jerry as our Bosco chaplain.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Wettlauf on August 3rd
 - Dunking Booth @ Precious Blood Parish Picnic on August 18th
 - 4th Annual Extravaganza for volunteers is August 22nd
 - Bosco Youth Nights kick-off on September 4th

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Fr. Homero reported*

- Fr. Homero will be meeting with the leaders of the different Hispanic organizations in the upcoming weeks.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Jacqueline and her husband are expecting a child.
- Thank you to Scott for his years of service to the Council.
- An Italian friend of Fr. Traylor's is putting on a concert at the Church on Friday, August 16th at 7 pm.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Andrew led us in closing prayer.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday August 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp