

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 24, 2019

Present: Fr. Ray, Fr. Traylor, Fr. Jerry, Scott Brandt, Anne Brosmer, Jerry Birge, Lynn Scheu, Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Ben Schwenk, Patty Brosmer, Mike Hagerdon, Ann Rasche, Moises Basilio, Julie Stone, Dan Fritch, Anna Hayden, Jacqueline Ripberger, Pam Freyberger, Tracie Ihle

Absent: Martin Estrada, Carmen Miranda, Max Verkamp, Greg Fuhs, Bridgette Bartley

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Ray

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

The minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting were approved. Van made a motion to approve. Ann seconded the motion.

Old Business:

1. Parish Strategic Plan – *Scott reported*

- Had meeting 2 wks ago. Did SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) on survey.
- Wed 6/27 meeting to do final SWOT on everything done up to this date.
- Will plan site visits to other parishes in and outside of our diocese.
- Will use all data gathered up to date to create the next version of the strategic plan.
- Fr. Eugene has attended last 2 meetings and is looking forward to the data yet to be gathered.
- The goal is to release as much of the survey as possible and be as transparent as possible. Max is writing update to share with the parish.
- Nametag Sunday. Next meeting on this is Sunday 6/30 7:00pm. 1st weekend is July 13-14. From then forward will use nametags last Sunday of every month. They would like as many as possible to attend Sunday night. Goal is to identify 10 people at every mass due to having 5 doors. Only about 12 attended the first meeting. This is to support this once/mo. Fr. Eugene is aware of this and is very excited about this.
- St. Patrick's in Scottsdale has been doing it for years. This was the start of their success. It started growing their parish as a family.

2. Evangelization & Outreach - *Mike reported*

- We will continue Latino outreach. Will be starting a new group with Fr. Homero.
- Considering running an Alpha program again. Also considering other options like Catholics Come Home.
- Fr. Eugene wants to reach out to those who have fallen away.
- Much is waiting on confirming direction with the new priests coming in.

New Business

1. Update on parking problem. There's only been 1 other instance that's been noted.
2. New parish council meeting day. Monday's are Fr. Eugene's days off. Suggest to be last Tuesday of the month. This is confirmed to be the last Tuesday of the month.
3. Scott raised question about member's list, he has a concern that 1 year we only have 2 going off but another year is we have 5 going off. Does anyone that is rolling off in 2021 want to roll off in 2020? If so let Scott know. Another option is to add a person in the years that are short and that would then equal out. That would increase the At-Large members.
4. Budget was shared. Total \$1,478,511 for 2018-19 compared to \$1,489,640 planned for 2019-20.
 - a. Jane handed out summary of differences.
 - b. Patty Motioned to approve budget. Jerry seconded the motion. All approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Jane reported.*

- Firming up phase 1 immediate maintenance requirements. Working on final quotes to be done shortly.
- For phases 2 and 3 the rough estimate need for fundraising is \$4M-\$5M. There must be a lot of work done to determine what is really needed. Time has been spent with Fr. Eugene to bring him up to date on the project and phases.
- Current YTD Budget looking good. Income is up and expenses are lower than expected.

EDUCATION: *Julie reported*

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- Julie is handing off lead of Education Commission to Tracie Ihle. Welcome Tracie. Thank you Julie for all you have done.
- VBS was last week. Had over 165 kids and over 85 volunteers. Our parish is very blessed with the number of volunteers involved. Boat thing was perfect given all the rain.
 - The boat was given by Boonville KofC for use during VBS. It will be in the Strassenfest parade this year as well.
 - The Knights in Jasper grilled the burgers for the Friday night celebration.
 - The older youth (over 4th grade) served as volunteers.
- Rock Your Faith is in 2 wks. Have 73 signed up already. Starts July 7th after 6pm mass with food and a speaker.
 - The youth have a trip to St. Meinrad
 - They have a service day which is a favorite of the youth.
 - This Wednesday is a training session for H.S. and young adult helpers. It's a mini retreat for these volunteers.
- Religious Ed
 - Catechists are going to be previewing another 1st Communion program. There is a new one by St. Augustine Institute.
 - Doing on line registration this year for Rel. Ed. It worked so well for VBS and Rock Your Faith.
 - July focus of meeting will be to discuss do we continue release time once the new grade school is open or a very robust religious education program. Pam spoke to School principle and he wants to continue the release time.
 - Another thing to consider is the after school program that was held for kids 3rd-5th grade. This school program was really loved by the kids.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported.*

- No Meeting of SCC in May
- Next trip to Louisville Clinic is July 13
- Lynn contact Doug Faulkner about Nashville TN conf on Euthanasia. Ann suggested contacting Sr. Rosemary REXING who is over the department.
- Lynn contact Katie A. about posting Respect Life Resources at Drs. Offices here in Jasper

LITURGY: *Fr. Traylor reported:*

- Last meeting in April.
- Summer choir takes a break until Strassenfest weekend.
- Lilian does not have a date to retire.

YOUTH: *Jacqueline reported.*

- One Bread One Cup this weekend at St. Meinrad. 3 youth and 2 adults
- Have put together small groups for parents – 2 talks in July
- Notre Dame Vision in July, 4 youth attending
- Wettlauf in August
- Had a dunking booth at the summer picnic. It went over very well. The kids had a great time. This will be at PB picnic as well
- Extravaganza is Aug 22 for volunteers
- NCYC Nov 21-23. They are signing up kids and adults. It is in Indianapolis this yr.
- Look to the calendar on the website.
- M.S. ministry – look to continue to expand this. M.S. mornings were hosted at JMS. They had 25 youth through the end of April. They are talking about doing something similar at Holy Trinity. Looking to do possible youth nights like they do for H.S.
- Planning to attend Rel Ed to speak about Bosco
- Bingo Fundraiser – had really low numbers. It hit a very busy weekend. Looking at whether this is something to do again at a different time of the year or perhaps look at other fundraising options.
- Catholic Heart workcamp – took 20 students and 8 adults to Milwaukee. They did cleaning, getting rid of mice, and other work. There was a faith focus having mass every day and discussion time every day.
- Send any ideas and feedback on any topic to boscodirector@evdio.org

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises*

- Have great expectations of how things will go with Homero. They are familiar with him.

- They are trying to bring people back that have fallen away.
- Majority of Cuban population are not religious. The Hispanic community is focusing on them to bring them to church. Once they become a part *of it they stay*.
- Moving mass to 3:00pm, this will make it easier for the new priest.
- Planning on having a Latino picnic in middle of September to coincide with Independence Day for Hispanics.
- There is a youth in Huntingburg that is suffering from cancer. Moises told a story about him, singing to him. A group came together to raise funds for him. A group from cities all around came together to make food and raise money as a family. It was a beautiful experience.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Sunday before 9:00am mass Fr. Traylor usually sits down. A lady came in to take a picture. She shared that this building and that choir are the reason she is Catholic and has remained so.
- It seemed there was a significant number of Hispanic children at VBS this year.
- The day before the picnic this year Moises got Bells Palsy. He is much better now. He received lots of prayers and was better by the next day.
- Fr. Traylor shared that the retirement party, going away party was wonderful.
- Picnic (Scott) believes attendance was up. Parking cars on front lawn. It was a beautiful day. The fellowship was wonderful which is the goal. Had 2 new chairs this year. Country store had the best year they have had in recent years. New chair for soup. Jim Schoenbachler made the soup this year. If you have any ideas for things to improve or new ideas, share them with Scott.
- Kate and Ben Schwenk had a healthy baby girl 2 wks ago. Congrats!!!!

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday July 30, 2019 at 7pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Lynn Scheu