

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2019

Present: Fr. Eugene, Fr. Andrew, Scott Brandt, Anne Brosmer, Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Ben Schwenk, Dan Fritch, Bridgette Bartley, Pam Freyberger, Max Verkamp, Jerry Birge, Lynn Scheu, Carmen Miranda, Greg Fuhs, Moises Basilio, Nicholas Hernandez, Tracie Ihle, Anna Hayden

Absent: Patty Brosmer, Ann Rasche, Jacqueline Ripberger, Fr. Homero, Mike Hagerdon

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Andrew

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

Jerry made a motion to approve, and Van seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Congratulated Bridgette, Ben, and Nicholas on their election to the Pastoral Council. Introductions of everyone occurred.

Old Business:

1. Parish Strategic Plan – Scott reported

- Reviewed communication that will be in this week's bulletin updating the parish on the progress of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Shared information about future visits to other parishes to gather additional information for the strategic planning process. Visits should be completed by mid-October.

New Business

1. Election of Officers:

- a. Max nominated & Jerry seconded Anne Brosmer as Chairperson of the Council. She was approved.
- b. Van nominated himself as Vice Chairperson of the Council & Lynn seconded the nomination. He was approved.
- c. Max nominated himself as Secretary of the Council & Bridgette seconded the nomination. He was approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan and Greg reported.*

- Phase 1 of the church renovation has come in under budget by approximately \$150,000. Some of that savings was saved by repairs that weren't needed and some of that was pushed into a future phase.
- Ready to move to Schematic Design & Design Development Phases. We have the nearly \$190,000 needed for these two phases from the \$'s remaining from the Stewards of God's Campaign and \$'s in our Capital Improvement Fund.
 - Dan made a motion to approve the \$'s for the additional phases & Max seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Received the Holy Trinity update.
 - Reviewed the School Council Member transition.
 - Young Life had approached Holy Trinity about increased interaction between the two entities.

- Noted that Bosco had recently reached out to Holy Trinity to get more involved on the Holy Trinity campus.
- Reviewed the Holy Trinity financial summary for the past year and the 5-year tuition increases.
 - Hired a Marketing and Fundraising person that will drive additional fundraising efforts. This individual, along with administration, is evaluating all fundraising efforts including The Hoot. The Hoot's historical format is being evaluated and may see changes or be replaced with another event.
- Reviewed Year 5 enrollment
 - Enrollment is down due to dropping all day 3-year-old preschool and to tuition increases

EDUCATION: *Tracie reported*

- Release time classes have started. Kids are still enrolling.
- Religious Ed classes start for Middle School and High School students on Sept. 4th. Various activities are scheduled.
- Fr. Andrew and Pam are reviewing Dr. Brandt Pitre's "What We Believe" as an adult faith study this fall.
- First Communion/First Reconciliation information meetings will be held on Sept 8th and 10th. The meetings will review the new family program we are introducing called Signs of Grace. There will be a parent workshop in September with multiple offerings of the workshop using the Forgiven Series through Augustine Institute.
- Sunday School for Pre-K and Kindergarten will begin in mid-September and be held at 9 am Mass.
- Had representation at Faith Formation day this past Saturday.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported.*

- **Sick and Elderly:** Thinking of You cards will occur again. Request Respect Life Group to do a signing in Sept.
- **Bingo:** Held bingo at St. Charles.
- **Bibs & Cards for Baptism:** Bibs are out for surging & some to put lace. We have enough cards in stock.
- **New Parishioners:** Received a list of several new parishioners from May and July to call for gift bags. Having difficulty to get parishioners to respond. Discussed different ways to engage with new parishioners.
- **Angel Tree:** Distribution day for gifts is on Saturday, Dec 14th. Trees go up on Wednesday, Nov 6th and ornaments on trees the Nov 10/11 weekend.
- **Senior Citizen's dinner:** Booked for next March.
- **Donation Requests:** Survivors of Suicide - \$100 donation.
- **Respect Life:**
 - Discussed fall Respect Life Banquet – sign-ups are not until Sept 1.
 - Talked about poster of resources for crisis pregnancy. Found out that Vincennes has a women's clinic called Heart to Heart that is supported by St. Francis parish. Lynn has action to add this to the poster as a resource and redistribute.
 - Pam is working with Dee Bell and Yesica Miranda to bring NFP to St. Joseph parish in Spanish Language.
 - Oct Respect Life Packets are available.

LITURGY: *Fr. Eugene reported:*

- Meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

YOUTH: *Anna reported.*

- Upcoming Events
 - August 30th - Muffins at Midwest for High School Students
 - September 4th – 1st Bosco Youth Nights start. HS will be at the Bosco house and MS at the Ministry House.
 - September 6th – 1st Middle School Mornings. Will be on the 1st and 3rd Friday's.
 - September 18th – Bosco Youth Night Kick-off
 - October 25th – Bosco Bonfire at St. Mary's Ireland.
 - November 17th – Faith & Football @ Lucas Oil Stadium
 - November 21st – 23rd – NCYC 2019
- Successful Wettlauf at Strassenfest.
- Jacqueline and Anna attended new youth minister training at the Catholic Center in Evansville.
- Had a presence at JHS Freshman orientation and the JMS Block Party.
- Volunteers helped at the Precious Blood Picnic.
- Held a blood drive and burrito sale as a fundraiser for NCYC. The burrito sale made over \$1200.
- 4th Annual Extravaganza was held to build the adult volunteer team.
- Have an intern from JHS splitting her time between the BOSCO and Religious Education teams.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- ALASI Festival this week in Huntingburg.
- The St. Joseph Latino Festival will be held on October 20th.
- Discussed how to continue to increase Hispanic attendance at Mass and religious education.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Name Tag Sunday – asked that outside lights be turned on for the early morning Masses. This is also a safety issue.
- Thankful for the two parents from St. Joseph's who are helping to facilitate the First Communion workshops.
- Fr. Eugene is excited about this Friday's Mass for Holy Trinity.
- Fr. Eugene was very thankful for his family's participation in his installation Mass this past weekend.
- Fr. Andrew met an individual that has come back to the Church after having fallen away.

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp