



# Pastoral Council Minutes

## Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Attendees: Hans Higdon, Andy McDonald, Chris Kuss, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, , Sean Carroll, Mark Readinger, Mary Ann Delzer Christopher Schuele, Eugene Burke

Staff Attendees: Patricia Wisialowski, Bishop Jeff Haines, Fr. Jose Gonzales, John Ascher, Michael Batcho, Shanedra Johnson, Amy Nikolai, Michelle Nemmer (Archdiocese of Milwaukee)

Excused: Michael Bula, Bud Cialdini and Pat Kennedy

Pastoral Council and Staff teambuilding/formation-Michelle Nemmer

- Video viewed/discussed was the keynote speech from the Amazing Parishes Conference, Fr. James Mellon (Divine Renovation Ministry). Fr. Mellon spoke on the decline of the Church in Europe and Canada, and the need for the Church in North America to examine how we engage with the world, in order to continue to make Disciples of Christ.

Word on Fire Lenten Program Engage – Mark

- Word on Fire is offering a free trial during Lent, one email a week for the five weeks of Lent. To use Engage, a license would need to be purchased for Flocknote. The subscription for 12 months of Engage would be approximately \$2000. Staff will pursue setting up the free trial for Lent.

La Sagrada Familia funding request-Hans

- La Sagrada Familia has requested financial assistance for a reservoir project (See a summary of the request below). Pastoral Council affirmed the value of the project and sent the request on to Finance Council for further consideration.

Bishop's update

- Report on Parish Pastoral Council Congress
  - Bishop, Hans and Mike Bula attended the Congress. Various topics were discussed including the use of proxies and changes to council norms which will be proposed to Archbishop Listecky .
- Rectory Construction is nearing completion, with painting and cleaning remaining.
- Lease with New Tenant for Office Space
  - St Vincent DePaul is looking for a headquarters office for their ministry assisting incarcerated individuals with re-entry into community. They are interested in the offices on the third floor.
  - Cathedral Center also has an interest in additional space and will meet with Amy to discuss.
- Administrative Assistant candidate was offered the position, starting March 4.
- Bishop requested the Nomination and Discernment Process begin as soon as possible.
- Bishop requested members review his current responsibilities and provide prioritization to assist in his development and coaching.

Next meetings:

- March 19, 2019
- April 16, 2019

# **Parish of La Sagrada Familia - Funding Request for Reservoir Project**

## **Summary of Request**

Farmers in the municipal district of Barrera within the greater La Sagrada Parish (LSF) community are always in need of a consistent water supply for irrigation. There are approximately 2,500 inhabitants in this community. LSF is in the province of Azua within the Dominican Republic.

Its inhabitants are employed in small-scale agriculture, fishing, logging, and in the illegal making of charcoal. The houses are in poor condition and the educational level and health of the population are both low. A spring fed reservoir to hold water for eventual distribution would greatly ease the stress of irrigation for local farmers. Two humanitarian associations were involved in selecting this area as an ideal candidate location for the subject project due to the immediate need to support the surrounding community. The overall goal of the project would be to improve the agricultural and environmental performance in Barrera.

LSF is asking for \$50,389 to fund the reservoir which will consist of geomembranes, geotextiles, PVC piping, transport, technical oversight, and unexpected expenses. Local farmers would assist in the labor for the project and would be trained on how to correctly irrigate crops.

Holy Apostles Parish in New Berlin has already confirmed that they will raise funds amounting to \$25,000 for the project as part of a Lenten funding campaign, leaving a net anticipated request of \$25,389. This greatly reduces the funding request originally asked of the Cathedral.

The Community of St. Paul is the organization that assembled the request; they are part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and are directly involved in LSF. Dolores Puertolas is with the Community of St. Paul and has been the main point of contact regarding the project. Work would begin in 2020.

Both Cathedral Pastoral Council and Financial Council approval are needed for this request to be approved.