Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Attendees: Bud Cialdini, Hans Higdon, Chris Kuss, Mark Readinger, Eugene Burke, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, Sean Carroll, Christopher Schuele, Mary Ann Delzer, Steve Barnicki, Bishop Jeff Haines and Fr. Jose Gonzales

Excused: Craig Cornelius and Julia Rutili

Pastoral Council Business:

- June minutes were unanimously approved.
- Councilors were asked to update their contact information on the Pastoral Council Roster. A final list will be sent out in the next month.
- Volunteers were requested for meal preparation, meal set-up and scripture sharing for the meetings in the next 12 months. A final list will be sent out in the next month.
- Reminder that Councilors will be installed at the 5:15 p.m. liturgy before the Celebration of Discipleship Dinner, September 20, 2019.
- Counselors were asked to choose their preferences for ministry liaison assignments. Bishop Haines will assign liaisons before the next meeting.

Parish Business:

- Life Touch –Parish Directory-Hans/Christopher
  - Cathy Quandt is working on the design of the new directory, which will include updated contact information for parishioners
  - 133 photo sessions are scheduled so far.
  - Advised by Life Touch that robo-calls are no longer an option.
  - Christmas in July donations will provide a $5 reduction in photo purchase prices.
- Auction report-out-Bishop Jeff
  - Final numbers are not yet available, but underwriting dollars raised were above our goal.
  - Also the “Ask” for cash donations met the goal set, with a friend of the Cathedral donating an additional $10,000.
- Stewardship Commission-George Ryan
  - Stewardship Commission has been looking at the demographics provided by the Archdiocese to get a picture of our community. Also reviewed demographics from the Cathedral’s own survey of three years ago. Stewardship recommends the Cathedral use the services of The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), for a comprehensive survey of parishioners. Pastoral Council agreed this type of survey is something to pursue. Mary Ann will contact the center for more information on their services, including what services they provide in Spanish.
  - George also shared Stewardship will be hosting an Advent event on Sunday morning, December 1. The event will feature Advent centered activities for our families/parishioners.
Parking agreement with Northwestern Mutual Insurance-Mark
  - The agreement is close to being finalized and will be shared with parishioners soon.

Bastille Days/OremusMKE
  - The weekend was a great success with 5000+ visitors to the Cathedral.
  - Ideas for next year include more promotion of the events beforehand.
  - Consider having a container to collect prayer requests of our guests. Some visitors asked for specific prayers, so a method to collect these intentions and share with Cathedral Parishioners would be appreciated.

Bishop’s Update
  - Bud Cialdini gave the update on negotiations with the National St. Vincent de Paul Society. The five-year lease has made it through the approval process at St. Vincent de Paul and is expected to be received soon. Bishop Jeff will handle the proxy needed with the Archdiocese. Bid21 is donating office furniture to St Vincent de Paul which is most welcome.
  - The Emergency Response Committee is forming with the help of Deacon Dean Collins who has a law enforcement background.

Writing Team/Strategic Planning Update-Sean and Mark
  - Requested Councilors who have not yet made comments on the draft please do so soon.
  - Meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 15, from 1-5 p.m. to complete the draft.

Issue Log Review
  - Social for after 5:15 Mass-Sean, Christopher and Mark will work on an event in the fall for after the 5:15 Mass.

Next meeting:
  - August 20, 2019. This will be the social activity that was postponed from the originally scheduled July 9 date. More information to follow on location for pot luck, etc.