



Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Attendees: Andy McDonald, Hans Higdon, Chris Kuss, Mark Readinger, Eugene Burke, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, Sean Carroll, Christopher Schuele, Patricia Wisialowski, Amy Nikolai, Bishop Jeff Haines and Fr. Jose Gonzales

Excused: Mary Ann Delzer, Pat Kennedy

Parish Business:

- Amy Nikolai presented Cathedral financial data, including the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget, with comments on specific income and expenses items. Revenues were affected by a single large bequest in FY2018-2019. While there were two fundraising events that FY, there is but one event in 2019-2020.
 - Capital expenditures and specific building and grounds expenses were discussed. The budget has been sent to the Archdiocese for approval.
 - The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is preparing a capital campaign and the Cathedral is likely to be a beneficiary of the campaign.

Pastoral Council Business:

- Bishops' Update
 - Negotiations continue with St. Vincent de Paul. Trustee Bud Chaldini is working to finalize the lease, which must have Archdiocesan review and approval.
 - Preparations for the Emergency Response Committee are moving ahead, with key figures being recruited. Trustee Michael Bula is part if this work.
 - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's meeting in Baltimore focused on more aggressive procedures for reporting and investigating charges of sexual abuse. The Vatican is expected to respond much more quickly to findings of abuse.
- Discernment: Two new Pastoral Council members discerned-- Julia Rutili and Steve Barnicki. Thanks to members Pat Kennedy and Andy McDonald who have finished their three-year terms!
- Commemorating Legacy of Archbishop Weakland: Craig reported that Pat K. continues to work on a plan to organize and facilitate comment sessions to highlight the several gifts of our Archbishop Weakland.
- Fr. Mike Hammer's 50th anniversary of his ordination Mass and reception was an enthusiastic celebration. Pat W. reported that 600 people attended the 11 a.m. Mass and more than 400 people at the reception in the atrium. A bus from Beaver Dam brought many guests from Fr. Mike's hometown parish.

- Officer Elections for 2019-2020 Term
 - Chair: Hans Higdon; Vice-Chair: Christopher Schuele; Secretary: Mary Ann Delzer

- Writing Team/Strategic Planning Update
 - Discussion focused on Stewardship. There is a new Stewardship Commission. The Strategic Plan focus seeks to grow the numbers of parishioners, promote four outreach celebrations per year, and work with our Latino community outreach. Individuals on the new committees are working on organizing these tasks.
 - Nancy Ryan presented a plan for a Ministry Fair the weekend of September 21-22. Nancy will be the chair of this event. Each parish ministry will have a table display to showcase their work and present opportunities for service to parishioners. A floorplan will be in place by August 16.
 - The annual Discipleship Dinner is scheduled for Friday, September 20, with Fr, Steve Avella giving a presentation on the history of the Cathedral.

- Issue Log Review—a variety of items were addressed:
 - Social for after 5:15 Mass
 - Open Door Café's need for volunteers
 - Christmas in July support
 - Use of Flocknote

- Next meeting:
 - July 9, 2019