



Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

Excused: Mary Ann Delzer

Guests: Finance Council members Joe Wilson and Fran W.

Pastoral Council Business:

- **6:05 pm to 6:30 pm**
 - Lenten Fish Fry Fun!-PC members invited to a Fish Fry in support of Catholic East Elementary to be held at Holy Rosary Parish, March 29th. Other options were briefly reviewed.
 - Discernment for new PC members-The discernment process for selection of new PC members is not yet fully organized. Staff is working on this-a volunteer leader is needed.

Parish Business:

- **6:30 pm to 6:45 pm**
 - Lightning Round: Commission Reports-All
 - Formation-Woman's Spirituality Program doing well. Renewed interest in restarting the Children's Liturgy of the Word program at Sunday masses.
 - Stewardship-Successful St. Patrick's Day celebration after 9:00 a.m. Mass the Atrium. Estimate 70-80 parishioners came. Other programs are planned, such as Bastille Day event.
 - Worship-A ministry to millennials is being discussed. John Asher is seeking a volunteer group to maintain church shrines and help with preparing the church for Holy days.
 - Fine Arts-"Grand Music in a Grand Space" is expected to be well attended. Fundraising is going well and goals being achieved.
 - Finance-The La Sagrada Familia request for funding of an irrigation project has been approved by both the PC and the Finance Committee. The ongoing discussion is to understand how best to raise the funds. Deacon Tom will be invited to the next PC meeting to explain his concept, as he is co-chair of the LSF committee.
 - Communications-Parish signed up for the flocknote messaging system to send out news items to those parishioners who responded to the invitation emailed to them.

- Outreach-No general meeting at this time. There is a work shop at the Pastoral Center on Human Concerns, on March 23 and Craig plans to attend.
- **6:45 pm to 7:00 pm**
 - Writing Team/Strategic Planning Update- Mark, Sean, and Pat W-Mark Reviewed what has been completed so far. Hope is to draw all Parish Commissions into creating a visional enthusiasm that fits our Mission Statement. Fr. Gonzales asks that the Hispanic community, now part of the parish, be included. The plan should be ready this summer.
- **7:15 pm to 7:30 pm**
 - Review Issues Log-All
 - Hans asked all those contributing to the log to plan completion dates for their various projects.
 - A Parish Photo Directory is being planned, but needs a volunteer leader working with staff.
- **7:30 pm to 8:00 pm**
 - Bishops' Update
 - Update on Rectory Construction-Rectory construction is complete.
 - Update on Lease with New Tenant for Office Space-The new tenant for the office space is not yet decided-Vincentians or the Cathedral Center.
 - Listening session
 - Bishop Haines spoke to the difficult topic of the aftermath of the report sent to the Archdiocese. Archbishop Listecky has delivered a pastoral letter which among other things, directed removal of the Archbishop Cousins name for the Archdiocesan Center and requested the Cathedral do the same with regard to the building named for Archbishop Emeritus Weakland. This was done virtually immediately, at my direction.
 - The matter had been discussed at the Finance Council Meeting. Some members felt the decision was wrong and requested a new listening session for those who wish to formally present their views.
 - Pat K. and Craig volunteered to organize the listening session so that those interested in giving testimony on behalf of Archbishop Emeritus Weakland's special gifts might speak. A program to recognize and honor those gifts might be proposed, created and presented for approval. Craig and Pat K. will meet in the next few days to discuss how to move forward with the assignment of acknowledging parishioner input regarding Archbishop Emeritus Weakland's contributions to the Cathedral. They will do the work to arrange an event with the interested parties.
 - Bishop Haines felt that what was done was done for the greater good of the Church. Fr. Gonzales felt that it was done out of respect for the

victims of sexual abuse. The decision was very painful for those who knew Archbishop Emeritus Weakland.

- These matters were discussed over 35 minute with input from several PC members.

Next meetings:

- April 16, 2019-Please note that this meeting will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m., due to Chrism Mass.
- May 21, 2019