

Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 14, 2020

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Nancy Collett, Jim Ernsperger, Roy Greenwell, Eric Guy, Sharon Mann, Michael Thomas, Chris Williams, and Al Zielberg.

**Others Present:** Rhonda Abner, to help transition new Pastoral Council Secretary and to report on Stewardship Committee; Mitchell Elder, to report on Long Range Plan.

**Not Present:** Joey Followay, Alexandra Rogers, and Ed Scott

Meeting opened with prayer.

Mitchell Elder reported that there was a Steering Committee meeting last week and there is now a footprint for the size of the Parish Activity Center. The size will be a 98' x 114' one-story building. Mitchell and Deacon Steve are meeting with Wehr Construction this week to discuss more detail. The budget for Phase 1 was established at \$3,300,000. Roughly \$2,500,000 is allocated for the Parish Activity Center and \$410,000 for renovation of the old building. Those renovations to the old building will include improved restrooms, additional upstairs restrooms, HVAC improvements, and cosmetic upgrades upstairs. There will be interior stairs added as well. The planning committee is in need of a volunteer to help with interior design.

Some discussion about safety and accessibility followed the report, as well as questions regarding whether both buildings will have functional space for activities and events. The Parish Activity Center will be used for larger events and the old building will still have a functional kitchen for smaller events. Mitchell reminded the committee that we are only in Phase 1 of the Long Range Plan. Michael Thomas asked about panic hardware for the old building so that the doors can be locked from the outside but can still be exited without a key. Mitchell will talk to the construction company about the panic hardware.

Chairman Louis Leppert directed a review of the November meeting minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be accepted as written, Chris Williams seconded, all in favor.

### **Pastor's Report -**

Father reported that the search for a new parish secretary/administrative assistant is underway.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is a Parish Staff Meeting on January 30 at 1:00 pm.

The deadline to submit material for the Crossroads Messenger is February 1. The new editor of the newsletter is Rhonda Abner. Father thanked Rhonda for her service.

Our new LED sign is now in place, although landscaping won't be done until spring.

On February 8-9, Brother Theodore, OSB, Monk of Marmion Abbey, will be here to preach. There will also be the Sacrament of Anointing that weekend.

Ash Wednesday is February 26. Mass will be at 7:00 pm.

The Triduum 2020 is as follows:

April 9 - Holy Thursday. Mass at 7:00 pm.

April 10 - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm. Mass at 7:00 pm.

April 11 - Easter Vigil. Mass at 8:00 pm.

April 12 - Easter Sunday. Mass at 10:00 am.

Father's calendar also includes a team mass with Bellarmine Basketball on January 26 at 1:00 pm at Bellarmine; a trip to Indianapolis to visit CCT on January 31-February 1 with Fr. Bill Burks; a Priests' Personnel Board meeting on February 6 at 1:40 pm; on vacation February 17-21.

**Old Business** - There was no old business other than Mitchell Elder's Long Range Plan Report.

**New Business** - Introduction of the new secretary, Dana Steinmetz. Lou welcomed Dana and thanked Rhonda for her nine years of service in that position.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration** - Chris Williams and Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas reported that the safety committee has been locking the doors from the outside for approximately six months now. There is staff at all doors throughout mass. The committee takes advisements from law enforcement, our insurance company, the Archdiocese, and Father Dale in regards to safety. Members were recently advised to stop wearing safety vests. The safety committee will make a decision about vests at their next meeting.

Chris Williams reported that Bobby Grace only had 3 volunteers for snow removal, so a company has been contacted for back-up. Also, campus landscape still needs volunteers. At this time, we have none.

Helen Hagan reports that in March 8, after 9:00 mass, there will be a non-profit group called "Love the Hungry" at church. They package meals for 3rd world countries and all parish members will be invited to participate. We will not be having electronic recycling this year as in the past because the company we use is overextended.

#### **Formation** - Al Zielberg

We now have 3 Bible Study groups throughout the week, as well as PGIF which is changing its name from "*Parents* Gathered in Faith" to "*People* Gathered in Faith."

RCIA has 2 adults and 2 teens entering the church this Easter season.

The Ministry Fair will be held January 25-26. Representatives from each ministry will be stationed near their banner to discuss any questions parishioners have.

January 31 is the due date for the Pat French Scholarship for any parishioner who is a senior in high school.

February 16 is the Valentine's Dinner for seniors.

There will be a Confirmation Retreat and a First Communion Retreat in March.

The High School Youth have been very active. In November and December they collected food from the parish and distributed 20 food baskets to those in need. On December 15, they visited St. Vincent De Paul and helped with the annual Santa Shop there. They will also be making blankets for the boys at the Sunrise Boys Home and having a cookout for the

Sunrise Boys Home on April 19. On the 3rd Saturday of every month, they will volunteer with the Mt. Washington United Methodist Church at God's Table.

Our community garden is looking for a new greenhouse for seeds and materials since the Country Corner Greenhouse has closed.

**Parish Life** - Nancy Collett

The Rosary Makers will be passing out rosaries at the "Room at the Inn," a local organization for the homeless. They also donated money to outreach ministries over the Christmas vacation for the Appalachian Food Drive and Food for the Poor.

The Women's Club recently did the Epiphany Breakfast and a Christmas Bazaar. They donated money to community ministries. They also made and distributed 18 baskets with toiletry items to Green Meadows Nursing Home.

St. Vincent de Paul made 20 Christmas baskets with food and gift cards. They made a donation to the Appalachian Project. They received donations from the Joy Club and from the Knights of Columbus.

We had 4 Scouts earn the "Ad Altare Dei" emblem. They will be recognized by the Archdiocese on January 26 at the Cathedral of the Assumption. They will also be recognized at mass at St. Francis Xavier on January 26.

**Stewardship** - Rhonda Abner reported for Ed Scott

Door hangers were distributed to over 530 homes in the neighborhoods around St. Francis Xavier on Nov. 16-17. The committee would like to thank the Scouts, High School Youth Group, and Confirmation Class for their help with the distribution. They will target additional neighborhoods in the spring or fall of 2020.

A modified version of the Ministry Festival will be held after mass on January 25-26. Stewardship packets will also be available for pickup that same weekend.

**Worship** - Eric Guy

The worship committee's next meeting is February 4.

There will be an Altar Server Recognition on Sunday, February 9 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is February 11 at 6:45 pm.**

Submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary