

Pastoral Council Meeting
March 10, 2020

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

Members Absent: Joey Followay, Alexandra Rogers, Ed Scott

Others Present: Mitchell Elder

Meeting opened with prayer.

Mitchell Elder reported on the Long Range Plan. The committee met with the architect and finalized the floor plans. Plans are still within budget. He distributed a colored copy of the floor plan to council members.

Renovations of the old church will cost approximately \$410,000. This includes bathrooms on both floors, HVAC equipment, an interior stairwell, and cosmetic upgrades.

The new Parish Activity Center will cost approximately \$2,500,000. It includes a gymnasium with bleachers, 2 basketball goals, and a scoreboard, as well as 2 versatile rooms coming off an industrial kitchen that can be used as classrooms, meeting space, or can open up into a large event room. The space is versatile and functional.

The exterior of the new building will ideally match the design of the church. There is still some discussion about those details taking place due to the high cost of the design.

The timeline projects that the construction will be complete 12 months after it starts, weather cooperating. Members of the committee and the architects will present the plan to the Archdiocese Building Commission Committee for approval on March 17. Bids are due at the end of June, and we will have a better idea of the final cost at that time.

Father Dale thanked Mitchell and the members of the committee for all their hard work on this project.

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

Pastor's Report

Father Dale announced and welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Sweeney.

Communal Penance will be Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church with Fathers Shayne Duvall, Terry Langford, Jerry Bell, and Minh Vu present.

The next Parish Staff meeting is March 26 at 1:00 pm.

Following is this year's Holy Week schedule:

April 7 at 7:00 pm - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

April 9 at 7:00 pm - Holy Thursday Mass
April 10 at 3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross only
April 10 at 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service with Communion
April 11 at 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
April 12 at 10:00 am - Easter Sunday mass

Upcoming Staff Birthdays: Helen Hagan - May 1; Father Dale - May 2

Father's calendar also includes a Retreat at St. Meinrad Monastery on March 17-20. In addition, he will fulfill his duties as the Chaplain for the Bellarmine University men's basketball team by attending the NCAA Regional Tournament on March 14-17. The tournament will continue March 26-28, and the final game will be played in Atlanta on April 5.

Father also reminded us to mark our calendars and spread the word for the Spring Fling on May 30th. The three co-chairs for the Spring Fling are Joey Followay, Julie Adams, and Craig Gramig.

Old Business -

There is no old business other than Father's earlier report on the Spring Fling.

New Business -

Lou Leppert reported that the next meeting of the Pastoral Council of the Archdiocese of Louisville is March 14.

Our parish is in need of two additional representatives to sit together and be recognized at the Chrism Mass on April 7th. Al Zielberg volunteered to represent our parish as a designee.

We still need a coordinator for our annual Golf Scramble. This is a fundraiser for our parish. Bryan Hall will continue to assist by getting the sponsors for the event. Father recommended some possible people for the job of coordinator and asked council members to do their part in recruiting someone.

Due to recommendations from the Archbishop regarding the spreading of the COVID-19 virus, we will temporarily not have the chalice at communion. So, Margee will only schedule two eucharistic ministers for each mass. This is until further notice.

Lou addressed two questions from parishioners. First, Father confirmed that we will be looking for a volunteer supervisor to manage the new Parish Activity Center part-time. Second, Father confirmed that we get a small supply of rice bowls and put them out on the table for people to take home with them. Only a few are returned.

Committee Reports

Administration -

Michael Thomas reported that the date and time for the Safety Team meeting for April is to be determined. Father Dale thanked the team for all the work they've done this year.

Chris Williams reported that we collected \$5,832 for Love the Hungry, which funded over 24,000 packages with six meals per package. We had 120 volunteers.

Formation -

Al Zielberg reported that March 1 was the Rite of Election for our 4 people going through the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA Retreat was last Saturday, March 7. The RCIA Scrutinies will begin next week and will last for 3 weeks. This is when the 2 people who are undergoing the sacrament of Initiation will be dismissed after the homily at mass.

The Senior Valentine Dinner was February 16 and went very well.

The Confirmation Class had their retreat on Sunday, March 1. Confirmation Mass will be May 20 here at St. Francis Xavier, with 3 other parishes participating with us.

Our Community Garden will have more variety this year. We are still looking for donations of seeds, plants, and fertilizer. The Blessing of the Garden will take place on Tuesday, April 7.

Parish Life-

No new information to report.

Stewardship -

No new information to report.

Worship -

Eric Guy reported that the Confirmation Class will participate in a walk-through of the Stations of the Cross on March 22 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, April 14, at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary