

## Pastoral Council Meeting

November 12, 2019

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Rhonda Abner, Nancy Collett, Jim Ernspiker, Joey Followay, Eric Guy, Sharon Mann, Alexandra Rogers, Chris Williams and Al Zielberg.

**Not Present:** Roy Greenwell, Ed Scott and Michael Thomas

Chairman Louis Leppert directed a review of the October meeting minutes. Joey Followay moved the minutes be approved as written, Al Zielberg seconded, all in favor.

**Pastor's Report-** Father gave a brief report on the purchase of a LED sign approved by the Finance Committee and purchased from St. John Paul II parish to replace the aging SFX church sign on Hwy. 44. The 2-year-old sign was purchased for \$10,000 and still has a 3-year warranty remaining.

Thanksgiving Day Mass on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> is @10:00 a.m. Parish office will be closed the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

Father attended the Mount Washington Ministers' Meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at MW Police Headquarters. Deacon Greg Gitschier of St. Patrick Church, who has a background in law enforcement, spoke on church security. Father also participated with other local ministers in a celebration held at the community pavilion commemorating Veteran's Day.

There will be a coffee and donuts reception following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate the feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Helen Hagan, Parish Business Manager, will speak at both masses Nov. 23 & 24 to inform parishioners of the many different ways to contribute financially to the parish in addition to regular offerings.

Rhonda Abner is the new editor of the Crossroads Messenger effective January 1, 2020 and has resigned as Pastoral Council Secretary. Father thanked Rhonda and expressed appreciation for outgoing editor Norma Mattingly and asked Council members to sign a thank you card for her.

Parish Council and Staff Holiday Gathering is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. with White Elephant exchange coordinated by Lou Leppert and Margee Joseph. Father provided a list from Margee to RSVP and to note what dish each is bringing to the event.

Father Dick Sullivan will be presider and homilist for the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Mass and Father Dale will preside at an Advent Mass at Green Meadows Nursing Home on Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 p.m.

The next Parish Staff meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup> and the next Pastoral Council meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** – Lou Leppert attended the PCAL meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Kurtz spoke about the Catholic Services Appeal and the positive work of Catholic Charities throughout the state. He also presented the Archdiocese Accountability Report. Chancellor Brian Reynolds spoke on Catholic Youth Ministry initiatives and the continued success of The Record Catholic newspaper. In addition, attendees received copies of Pastoral Council guidelines.

**New Business** – Pastoral Council Secretary Rhonda Abner has resigned from the council to be the editor of the Crossroads Messenger. Father Dale, Lou and Rhonda are currently working on a list of possible replacements to contact. The new appointee will begin in January.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Administration** – Chris Williams

Helen Hagan reports 60% of Capital Campaign pledges has been received.

The Catholic Services Appeal Parish goal is \$18,500 and to date \$11,695.00 has been donated.

The final Parish Audit Report from the Archdiocese has been received and a summary will be printed in the bulletin. There were some minor findings that will be addressed.

Long-Range Plan Building Update -There have been several meetings with Wehr Construction and JRA Architects concerning decisions about adjusting plans to stay within budget. Another meeting is planned within a couple of weeks to address necessary changes to move forward.

### **Formation** – Al Zielberg

Two weekly Bible studies continue and the PGIF parent group continues to meet on Wednesdays.

There are currently two adults and two teenagers in RCIA.

### **Parish Life** – Nancy Collett

Ben Collett has completed his Eagle Scout project updating landscaping at the St. Francis Xavier Cemetery. Grounds were cleaned and concrete curbing added at the four corners and around the statue of Jesus. He also planted bushes and placed solar lighting. Father expressed appreciation and congratulations to Ben for his hard work.

Numbers from the Women's Bazaar in November will be available by the next meeting.

### **Stewardship** – (Report sent to Lou Leppert)

The upcoming weekend, Nov. 15-16, door hangers will be distributed to approximately 600 homes near the church by parish youth group members with adult chaperones. The goal is to inform our neighbors about who we are, where we are and how to contact us through website, Facebook and Twitter to learn more about the parish. This first effort will be evaluated and the committee will determine if a second round is feasible. Father passed around a door hanger for PC members to see.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov.21<sup>st</sup> to plan the January 25-26 Ministries Festival.

### **Worship** – Eric Guy

Committee met Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. SFX hosted a Communion Ministers update session with 15 attendees on 10/3.

Training for lectors will be coordinated with the Archdiocese sometime at the beginning of the year, possibly after the Ministries Festival.

Art and Environment will replace approximately 16 artificial Christmas trees for the season.

Meeting ended with prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 p.m.**

Submitted by Rhonda Abner, Pastoral Council Secretary