

Pastoral Council Meeting
January 12, 2021

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Joey Followay, Roy Greenwell, Al Zielberg, Alexandra Rogers, Michael Thomas, Sharon Mann

Members Absent: Chris Williams, Ed Scott, Nancy Collette, Jim Ernspiker

Others Present: Mitchell Elder

Due to social distance restrictions of COVID-19, this meeting was held online via *GoToMeeting*.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Mitchell Elder presented a Long Range Planning Committee update to the council. We have received approval from Archbishop Kurtz to move forward with construction. At this time, the committee is working on financing with First Harrison Bank.

A Town Hall Meeting is planned for February 7, immediately following the 11:00 am mass, in the church. At the meeting, members of the parish community will be able to see the plans for the finished products of the Parish Activity Center and renovation of the Parish Hall.

The Parish Activity Center groundbreaking ceremony is planned for February 21. Archbishop Kurtz will preside over mass and lead the ceremony.

Construction is planned to begin in mid-May. It should take one year to complete construction, with the grand opening planned for the end of March, 2022.

Mitchell explained that COVID 19 restrictions have caused construction costs to rise over the past year, so most of our budget is going toward the Parish Activity Center. We have had to cut some things from the Parish Hall renovation, but those will be done later.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the November minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be approved as written; Al Zielberg seconded, all in favor.

Pastor's Report

Father Dale reported that the search has begun for our new Pastoral Associate. There have been ads placed on websites and newspapers in Louisville, Owensboro, Lexington, and Indianapolis.

Father said he has been approached about finding an appropriate way to honor the life of Margee Joseph and her service to our parish. He asked the council for ideas and opinions.

Father asked for prayers for Deacon Steve Age, who is having shoulder surgery on January 13.

The next Parish Staff meeting will be January 28 at 1:00 pm.

Father gave an update of groups coming back in person to campus. Some groups have requested to start meeting in person, and Father is currently discerning each one individually, as COVID rates fluctuate.

There was a discussion in review of the Christmas season masses. We did not have to use the overflow space we had prepared, although mass attendance was considered to be high.

Father gave a Capital Campaign update. \$1,211,819.00 (89% of goal with 4 months to go) has been raised by our parish. In addition, \$23,773.00 (117% of goal) has been raised for the Catholic Services Appeal. Father extended a big thanks to all.

Other work and plans of Father Dale include:

Priests' Personnel Board Meeting on January 13 at 1:30 pm and February 11 at 1:30 pm., Support Group Meal on February 8 at St. Bernadette Rectory, and a Lenten Retreat on March 1-5 at St. Meinrad Monastery.

Old Business

There is no old business.

New Business

There is no new business.

Committee Reports

Administration

There was no new report from Michael Thomas and the Parish Emergency and Security Team.

Chris Williams sent in a report that the internal audit was completed & submitted to the Archdiocese in early December. There was nothing found that gave the audit committee any concerns.

Using Give Smart, the online software tool that we purchased for the Auctionfest, we are collecting some religious education fees online. It's a convenient option to many and we've had 6 families take advantage of this.

We sent letters late in the fall to approximately 50 families that have joined the parish in the last year & a half, inviting them to be a part of our Expanding our Embrace capital campaign. We've had 2 families make commitments from this effort.

Chris also reiterated that we have received approval from the Archbishop to move forward with our Parish Activity Center. Finance committee had a special meeting to review & discuss financing options on 12/22/2020. At this meeting, they reviewed the proposals given from the various banks. They received proposals from First Harrison Bank, Independence Bank, WesBanco Bank & Fifth Third Bank.

Formation

Al Zielberg reported that the RCIA team will be meeting on January 13. Darlene Fowler is taking over for Margee Joseph as team leader for now.

There will be a Formation Meeting on January 19 at 1:00 pm.

Parish Life

Nancy Collette sent in nothing new to report. Father Dale stated that February 1 is the deadline for information to be published in the Parish Newsletter. It is expected to be published and sent out by March 1.

Stewardship

Ed Scott sent in nothing new to report.

Worship

Eric Guy had nothing new to report.

The meeting ended in prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is February 9, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary