

Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 8, 2020

**Members Present:** Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Eric Guy, Chris Williams, Joey Followay, Sharon Mann, Roy Greenwell, Alexandra Rogers, Jim Ernspiker, Nancy Collett, Ed Scott, Al Zielberg

**Members Absent:** Michael Thomas

**Others Present:** Helen Hagan, Mitchell Elder, Deacon Earl Baker

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

Meeting opened with prayer.

Father Dale welcomed Deacon Earl Baker.

### **Virtual Auction Fest Update**

Helen Hagan was present to give a report on the Virtual Auction Fest. The committee is still accepting donations. They already have over 50 items to auction. The website went live this weekend, although the auction items are only in preview mode. Bidding will be Oct. 1-24. There are also St. Francis Xavier shirts, ornaments, and tumblers for sale on the site. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking chicken dinners for pickup only, and dinner tickets are for sale on the site. In addition, there are raffle tickets for sale online or on paper. Helen asked council members to spread the word.

There was some discussion about how to sign-out raffle tickets without paying the money up front. Helen explained that people can sign out the tickets without putting money down, but will need to come to the church office or pick them up in the back of the church to do so.

### **Parish Activities Center Update**

Mitchell Elder presented on the progress of the Parish Activities Center. The blueprints are back from the construction company. An invitation for bids will be offered to parish members from September 9-29. The Steering Committee will get the results of the bids and have an accurate price for the project by approximately October 15. At that time, the budget will be reviewed and it will be decided if cuts to the building plan will be necessary. Father Dale thanked Mitchell for all he does behind the scenes for the construction project.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the August minutes. Eric Guy moved the minutes be approved as written; Joey Followay seconded, all in favor.

### **Pastor's Report**

Father Dale again welcomed Deacon Earl Baker and his wife, Ellen, to St. Francis Xavier. He reported that Deacons Steve and Earl met with Father Dale on September 5 to talk about shared ministries. Deacon Gerry Mattingly is now a Deacon Emeritus.

Father Dale reported that the parish continues to do a good job with precautions from COVID 19.

Father Dale is a member of the Catholic Services Appeal Committee for 2020-2021. Our parish goal for this year's CSA is \$20,400.00 which we met last year.

Father asked the council members whether they read the *Pastor's Pen*, and most members do, commenting that they enjoy the publication. Father decided to continue writing and publishing it.

The next Parish Staff Meeting is Thursday, October 1 at 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Staff Birthdays are: Marda Weakley, Bookkeeper, on October 2; Jennifer Sweeney, Parish Administrative Assistant, on October 6; Bobby Grace, Coordinator of Stewardship and Facilities, on October 8; Deacon Steve Age on October 23. Happy Birthday to all.

Other upcoming dates for Father Dale are the Priests' Support Group on September 22 and the Priests' Personnel Board on September 24.

### **Old Business**

Chris Williams reported that the Annual Parish Golf Scramble will be September 27 at noon at Tanglewood Golf Course. The scramble is being chaired by Mike Bass.

Father Dale reported there have been no new liturgical guidelines from the Archdiocese at this time.

### **New Business**

Council members decided to continue Pastoral Council meetings virtually for now.

The Holiday Party will tentatively be the 2nd Sunday of Advent. Father asked Council members to keep that date on their schedules tentatively,

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Administration**

Chris Williams reported that there was an audit meeting last week and they will be meeting with parish staff next week with updates. Currently, there is a shortage in staff for the safety team. Chris stated that they are aware of the shortage and are working on it.

### **Formation**

Al Zielberg reported that Darlene Fowler is taking religious education sign-ups and RE will start soon. RCIA is meeting on Mondays and has two adults right now, interested in joining the church. This Monday, the Bible Study group will begin the Great Adventure program, a 24-session program covering the whole Bible.

### **Parish Life**

Nancy Collette had nothing new to report. Lou mentioned that the Prayer Blanket Ministry has started meeting.

### **Stewardship**

Ed Scott reported that there was no Stewardship meeting last month.

### **Worship**

Eric Guy had nothing new to report. The Worship Committee will be meeting August 18 and September 15.

The meeting ended in prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council meeting is October 13, 2020 at 6:45 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Dana Steinmetz, Pastoral Council Secretary