

Joint Finance/Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2018

Attending: Father Walter, Joan Hietpas, Sarah Van Camp (Secretary Trustee), Kevin Hawley (Treasurer Trustee), Bob Hofacker (Finance Council), Lynn Wildenberg (Finance Council), Dave Pierre (Finance Council), Jim Hofacker (Finance Council), Royce Alsbach (Finance Council), Terry Woelfel (Finance Council), Rita Peters (Pastoral Council), Steve Cove (Pastoral Council), Jane Varick (Pastoral Council), Tim Lamers (Pastoral Council), Kevin Flood (Pastoral Council), Mic Vomastic (Pastoral Council), and Deacon Ray Ambrosius (Pastoral Council)

Opening Prayer – Father Walter

Tim Lamers opened the Meeting

Minutes from the November 15, 2017 Joint Council meeting were approved. Mic Vomastic made a motion to approve, Deacon Ray Ambrosius seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report

1. Worship
 - a. October altar server of the month: Lauren Stelow
 - b. Add pew frontals with kneelers (seek approval, bids, proxy, installation) Received bid from Stemper's; seeking another bid.
2. Education
 - a. Church bulletins feature children's art on a regular basis
 - b. Student/teacher ratio recommended range 12-26, with a "sweet spot" being 18. Classrooms with more than 18 students would get an aide
 - c. Disbursement of parish funds strategy
 - i. 35% School less SFX subsidy
 - ii. 7% NE k-12
 - iii. 7% NE adult
 - iv. 5% Youth ministry
 - v. 2% Young adult ministry
 - d. Celia is composing job description for NE k-5 coordinator
 - e. Saint Francis Xavier student service hours
 - f. Music/choral academy
3. Stewardship/finance
 - a. Growth in giving!
4. Holy, Engaged, Alive
 - a. Teach my people to pray Holy Hour: Friday December 21, after the 8:15am Mass
 - b. Pastoral council is working on a strategic plan based on the document "Parishes, Holy, Engaged, Alive."
 - c. I will attend spiritual theology for priests at USML Feb 18-28

SWOT Survey

- Each meeting member identified three great things and three areas to improve at St. Edward. Results are being compiled and shared at a later date.

Strategy Overview

- The Green Bay Diocese is expecting all parishes to have a strategic plan in place by 2020. The Pastoral Council is starting the process and has developed a listing including the parish committees and councils along with a start of a list of the goals and objectives for each entity. The Finance Council needs to provide information to add to the plan.
- A team will be formed to prepare the strategic plan.

Potential Land Purchase

- There are two lots available for purchase in the Mackville Crossing development that borders the current Church property. The Tractor Pull Committee approached the Finance Council to look into purchasing the lots for additional Tractor Pull parking. We are currently using the properties to park, but if they are sold to another entity, they will no longer be available for our use.
- The lots are owned by Bill Rathsack and he will sell to the parish for \$22,000 each. Another lot of similar size in the development sold for \$32,900.
- There are covenants in the development that wouldn't allow us to use the property as the parish requires. Sarah Van Camp will be talking with a lawyer to understand the potential to change or remove the covenants before purchase.
- A motion to purchase, lots 1 and 21 (approximately 2.5 acres), was made by Mic Vomastic, seconded by Tim Lamers based on the potential to amend or remove the covenants that will allow the parish to utilize the property as needed.

Annual Parish Finance Statements

- A Statement of Revenue and Expenses was shared with the Pastoral Council. The question was raised as to the financial stability of the parish, we are fiscally sound. If anyone on the Pastoral Council wishes they may review the Balance Sheet.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned, Dave Pierre made a motion to adjourn, Jane Varick seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Wildenberg