

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
9 March 2017

Present: Father Dave, Jim Palzewicz, Jodee Tlachac, Nora DeLise, Meg Anderson, Jeff Sladky, Michael Ricci, Mario Montalbo, Father John, Mark Otten, Jerry Buting, Mark Gundrum

Excused: Meg Siehr

1. Opening Prayer: Megan
2. Review February Minutes: Minutes approved by consensus
3. Commission Updates
 - a. Jeff shared with the council that the Finance committee approved the budget.
 - b. Megan shared with the council the Formation Commission's plans for Lent.
4. PC Nomination and Discernment
 - a. Meg Siehr, Nora DeLise, and Mario Montalbo's terms are expiring.
 - b. Jim asked the council to consider from what sort of demographics would the council benefit.
 - c. Jim and Megan commented that we could benefit from senior members of the parish, to ensure their voices are heard.
 - d. Megan commented that while families with children are well represented on council, perhaps we should reach out to single people who may be uncomfortable becoming involved in parish events and committees; a single individual's voice may help us reach out to single people in the parish.
 - e. Jerry reminded us to consider nominees who may have been unable to or uninterested in past years, as this year may be their time.
 - f. Father Dave reminded us to look for people who have a sense of the common good and not simply a personal agenda.
 - g. Father Dave shared that Jerry has agreed to serve another term as Trustee; Father will have a series of 4 announcements for the parish regarding this.
5. Pastor Transition Process
 - a. Father Dave explained how the Archbishop handles the process of placement.
 - b. Some parishes have not yet submitted their parish profiles.
 - c. The traditional week of June for placement may not be practical this year; most likely, Father Dave would leave between the end of June (at the earliest) and the end of August (at the latest). Father Dave anticipates it would likely be late-summer.
 - d. We will still hear in early May who our new pastor will be, but we will not have transitioned yet.
 - e. Mark Gundrum commented that it would be ideal if the new Pastor is in place before the festival so as to welcome him.
 - f. Jim asked Father Dave if there is anything that the council can do to work on the transition, and Father Dave responded that the council should help to update the new pastor on what he needs to know.
6. Pastor's Comments
 - a. Nick Baumgardner is represented in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal literature; Father Dave commented on how you can see how a parish helps to form a person's vocation, and Father rejoices in seeing that and in Nick's enthusiasm. He similarly rejoices in Kurt Peot's and Jim Matthias' responses. He is looking forward to ordination, when we can see proof of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Father acknowledged the PC presence at the Volunteer Luncheon and at Mission Night.
 - c. Father praised all of the Formation Commission's hard work, saying that they are "getting it" and have been working cohesively together and going above and

beyond their routine to put together Lent 2017. He expressed his gratitude for all of the Lenten opportunities, mentioning the difference between “busyness and really good invitations.”

- d. Amy Wittenberger has submitted her resignation to move on to new challenges and opportunities. She agreed to stay on until April 7th to help with the transition for the individual who will replace her. Father is grateful and plans to include something in the bulletin in the weekend after this one. Within that month, we should have ample time to transition. Father would like us to look at the position to see if anything needs to be modified or improved. He said he certainly wants the new person on board before the new pastor begins his work here.
 - e. There is a new busing radius that has been discussed. Brenda White, Archdiocesan Rep, met with Father Dave and other pastors in the Archdiocese to rework the bus boundaries. All are on board except one pastor who has yet to meet (because he was unable to meet). By Canon Law, each pastor has to sign the agreement of the new radius. Father Dave discussed the details of the proposal.
 - f. Lenten Retreat: We cannot expect Dan Schultz to facilitate when we have less than 50% attendance and thus we cannot hold the retreat, despite Father Dave’s liking it so much in the past.
 - g. Karen Chafee will undergo surgery and will be out of the office for several weeks; our prayers are with her.
 - h. Finance Council approved the teacher salary increase
 - i. Father asked for feedback from Sister Fran’s pulpit time; Nora said that it was educational to learn that Catholic Charities’ involvement in the immigration process is for 5 years, and Father Dave reminded us of their 2-year vetting process.
 - j. Father offered us insight into the evolution of time duration from priest to pastor.
7. Closing Prayer: Megan

Meeting concluded at 8:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Anderson