

Pastoral Council Minutes

11/17/2022

Present: Mary Binder, Tim Blaeske, Matt Evrard, Elizabeth Hanson, Pat Kempen, Robert Lange, Paul LaRosa, Fr. Patrick Magnor, Kathy Monacelli, Pat Schulz, Debbie Sievert, Jim Stamatakos, Mary Sue Taft, Linda Witkowski

Absent/Excused: Adam Ferrito, Paulanne Ferrito

Guests/Observers: Deacon Jeff Church, Karen Farrell, Nadine Flemming

Meeting opened at: 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Patrick

1) Approval of minutes 10-13-2022, Meeting Minutes Approval motion by Pat Schulz and 2nd by Elizabeth Hanson. Minutes approved.

2) Guest Speaker: Karen Farrell: Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Current enrollment in Christian Formation Programs: 333 total students in classes, 45 in sacramental prep, 52 in confirmation, 25 in new life program. Students are active in greeting at Mass, volunteering at Harbor House, decorating church, collecting food, and volunteering at Kinship Food Pantry. Focus this year is on serving poor and vulnerable through the Christian Formation program. Karen stated that the most important piece of the Christian Formation program is helping students and their families develop deep and meaningful relationships with Jesus; nothing can be taught and learned without a strong relationship with Jesus. Wants to build a stronger group of small group leaders, revamp middle school program with LifeTeen Program and introduce “youth group type” activities for middle schoolers, taking 4 middle schoolers and 4 high schoolers on local mission trips to Kenosha (Middle School) and Beaver Dam (High School) and to bring young people to Steubenville Conference and Wisconsin Youth Rally.

3) Old Business

New Members (Pat Schulz): 4 new members joined St. Al’s.

Communion Stations (Kathy Monacelli): Advocated for bringing back Eucharistic Minister medallions to solve intermittent issues with an extra person accidentally being scheduled to serve. Fr. Patrick and Deacon Jim will reassess after the current Eucharistic Minister schedule ends to address the issue.

4) Committee Updates

a) School: No report

b) Christian Formation: See Karen’s update above for report.

c) Liturgy/Worship: 1st draft of liturgy guides and worship aids for Advent were reviewed. Russ from school sent Mary Newell names of children from school who will read on December 1st at Masses and

Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Reviewed and discussed job description for new Director of Liturgy. Job is now posted on Arch website. Christmas Concert is happening on Sunday, December 4th at 3:30 PM.

d) Human Concerns: The Giving Tree is up and running; will be up through December 11th. Gift deliveries will be made to two schools. House of Peace Thanksgiving collection has been taken. Short term goal: creating a Human Concerns box in the bulletin with updates from sub-groups and educational info.

e) Census: Final report will be given to committee this coming Sunday. Two more E-mail blasts left to send to non-respondents. New Numbers: 1,580 complete surveys; 2,339 active families and 6,560 active members. These are down from 2,506 active families and 7,446 active members.

f) Long Range Goals: Reviewing Parish mission statement and noticed that it's not posted on St. Al's website.

6) Financial Report: Paul LaRosa completed Finance Review. Fr. Patrick updated committee about new phone system and office staffing changes. Discussed Scrip and its reintroduction – concerns about security of inventory were discussed. Annual Fun Run being discussed as well – improving fundraising and keeping track of money. Fr. Patrick asked committee for support in Love one Another campaign to make sure that money raised and used by Parish is responsible. No enrollment changes at school. Sunday, November 20th is the Annual Corporate Review Meeting after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Community Room.

7) Associate Pastor's Remarks

General Parish Updates: Fr. Kevin completed his walk on the Camino and is now in Colorado on a 30-day silent retreat. Barb Kowalczyk retiring at the end of the month. New position in office is Office Manager/Communication Coordinator. Will oversee day-to-day ops of office, bulletin, website, social media, E-mail comms. Libby Rasp is new hire and will begin December 5th. Lori Kennedy is resigning at the end of the year to spend time with grandchild. Job is posted and hoping to begin interviews soon. Lori will still be helping with two more scheduled events in early 2023. St. Al's will be getting a new Parish website. Both Parish and School sites will be revamped. Parish and School sites will be separate moving forward. School site will be launched just before Catholic Schools Week. Liguori Room is nearly complete and ready for use. John Campbell did a lot of the work himself! Russ from school shared that tours for prospective K3 and K4 students have increased. FPM shared that improvements to church from LOA campaign will be used for T-Coil system installation and Sanctuary renovation. First \$25,000 raised by St. Al's will be set aside for assistance to the poor and vulnerable. Questions that were not addressed during informational meeting will be answered and posted on St. Al's website. Fr. Patrick will record a video recap of the informational meeting for posting on St. Al's website.

8) Closing Prayer – Fr. Patrick

Meeting closed at 8:20 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Stamatakos**