

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

Time: 6:45 pm Location: SFC Hall

Attendees:

Staff

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Schaitberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jan Kolb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Andrew Infanger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Doll	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Immaculate Conception

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Yekenevicz (Trustee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lloyd Uelmen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sue Nygaard (Chair)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacqueline Wulff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Swosinski (Trustee)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jean Franke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Falkner (Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kris Deiss (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rafael Vela	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Saint Frances Cabrini

<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Marie Danaher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greg Jashinsky (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich (Trustee)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Gugg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vespalec (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Lucka
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (trustee)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sara Sauer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimbal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Corazzi (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Joint Meeting Topics:

- Opening prayer
- Approval of minutes – Minutes of Sept 6, 2016 meeting approved as submitted
- Updates from Fr. Nate & Staff
 - Guest Attending: Will Waech, SFC School Principal was welcomed by Fr. Nate and introduced at the Principal of SFC Schools.
 - CFS Reports Presented and Summarized – Rick Doll advised Council that the CFS reports were submitted to, and accepted by, the Archdiocese. These are statements of parish finances on a cashflow basis and used by the Archdiocese for calculating annual parish assessments. Council approved report of the submission.
 - Cluster Council Gathering Proposed – Joe Velpalec proposed a Cluster Council meeting of the four local parishes to address youth involvement, noting that most of the students involved in a high school group were Lutherans. Fr. Andrew noted there was preliminary discussions with the other churches. Katie added that the staffs were working more closely on youth programs, but participation was limited.

After lengthy discussion, a general consensus emerged for Joe and Sue to contact the Chairs at Holy Angels and Newburg to begin discussion of areas of youth-focused cooperation.

- Who is Attending February 2nd Pastoral Council Conference in Milwaukee? – Confirmed attendees are Joe (SFC), Kathy (IC) and Sue (IC).
- Faith & Family Fest Follow up – Jan reported that \$10,000 was raised for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. This was an increase from 2017, driven largely by higher sponsorship contributions. A total 29 teams signed up for the bag tournament. The child's game area was staffed almost exclusively by high school student. Turnout was higher than expected, with a general feeling that people stayed longer instead of leaving right after the race.

- Update from Catholic Formation Committee on Topic of Mission and Focus – Before the extended SFC and SMIC discussions continued in the separate breakout meetings, Fr. Nate advised Council to be cognizant that recognizing what one parish does well may create a sense of competition with other parishes.
- Both Campus’ Facility Updates (parking lot, boiler, etc.) – St. Mary’s replaced ductworks and completed boiler work in the rectory. SFC has had more weather and ground work issues with the parking lot. Work on the north side is commencing, but the schedule is behind and the contractor has advised that no blacktop can be put down after mid-November. In addition, with the amount of excavation and dirt that has been moved, it may be better long-term to let the ground settle rather than rush to meet the November date. As a result, it is possible that the paving will not be completed until next spring.

Breakout meeting topics: Immaculate Conception

- Casa Lease Updates – Next Steps if we do not hear back from Rob Sayas?

Rick reported that Rob Sayas will get the lease paperwork back to him tomorrow, October 5th.

- Finalize October Listening Sessions (Barton Outreach also includes parish member to member help list)

Sue provided the members with a handout that both her and Fr. Andrew devised. She reviewed how the listening sessions would be handled and that they would include a slideshow. Coffee will be served at the sessions and it has not been decided whether there will be donuts/cookies.

The council members then had a lengthy discussion regarding setting goals which will be the main topic of the listening sessions. It was felt that the council should provide a few goals as examples as well as ask for any additional goals from those attending. Once the goals are established, those attending will be asked what steps we need to take to reach those goals.

Fr. Andrew will send out an email to council members organizing our thoughts and ideas. Fr. Andrew asked the question, “What do we want St. Mary’s to be known for?” After consideration of what we have talked about and what Fr. Andrew will be sending, members will need to respond back with potential goals that we can share at the listening sessions.

- Family Bathroom and Next Plans for Campus Work and Budget

Rick reported that he is getting pricing on repairing the upstairs bathroom.

- Committee reports

- Catholic Formation – No report
- Finance – Whitey and Kris were unable to attend the September meeting, but Catherine did attend. Nothing significant to report; all is well.
- Human Concerns – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Prayer & Worship – church was cleaned; no issues.

Breakout meeting topics: Saint Frances Cabrini

- Special Parish Focus Continued Discussion: Keys Words and Focus

Council began the second discussion of the SFC parish focus with a summary from Will Waech about his priorities for the SFC school. One is to better market SFC and highlight differences versus other schools. Three things for consideration:

1. Adoption of school uniforms as a point of difference
2. Programming focused on social/emotional learning and a more Catholic culture
3. Curriculum development

Mr. Waech related his experience at Lumen Christi of how marketing turned around a trend in declining enrollment. One tactic may be to add a second open house in late spring as a way to reach parents who are waiting longer to start K 3-4 enrollment. An advantage of SFC is the day care/child care before and after school, and the care is family oriented.

Council discussion recognized that the school is one facet. The parish supports a wide range of ministries geared toward "Formation" of our parishioner's faith. Discussion of a focus on a "faith family" or "family of faith" as a unique focus raised concerns that "family" could alienate widowers and single persons. Another option was "Growing Better Together", which is consistent with the Together Event theme.

Council agreed to continue discussion of the SFC special focus because the outcome will influence ministries and budgets. Next Steps:

1. Council agreed to a dedicated longer block of time in early January for more in depth discussion than are possible as an agenda item. Parish staff will recommend a date.
 2. Mary Herdrich agreed to facilitate the planning session and will work with other council members to prepare for the full council meeting.
- There am I in Your Midst: Paragraph from all Council Members on "Why SFC" or "A good memory from SFC" (Please also get one other person to help with this)

Discussion was postponed due to time constraints.

- Together Event Update

Lisa announced that this year's theme is "Growing Better Together, a Gathering in the Garden". Effort can now begin to approach underwriters and donors. Ticket prices will also be reviewed to evaluate if the \$39.00 per person last year should be repeated.

- Committee reports
 - Cluster councils – No report
 - Faith Formation – Katie reported that things are going well with the Rooted program. There were fewer families involved in Wednesday Night Week 2, which will be researched to understand why. Overall feedback remains positive.
 - Finance – Next meeting will be next Tuesday, Oct 9.
 - Human Concerns – No report

- Prayer and Worship – The committee was meeting at the same time as Council. Jill Maria had shared separately that the new flexible music schedule is working well. Fr. Nate is asking this committee to put up a St. Monica shrine to kids to come back to the faith.
- School – Update provided by Mr. Waech earlier in the meeting focused on a “Whole Child” educational theme.
- Stewardship – Meeting next week. Planning a spaghetti dinner and family evening on Nov 10 featuring Fish Sticks, an all age appropriate comedy group.
- Together Event Summary (Lisa) – Lisa provided update earlier.

Next meeting: December 6, SFC

Time: 6:45 pm