

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2022

Time: 6:45 pm Location: SMIC Hall

Attendees:

Staff

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Carlos Londono	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Neurether
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Theisen (SMIC finance)

Immaculate Conception (Term-End)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Catherine Yekenevich (Trustee) 3-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Swosinski (Trustee) 3-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oscar Valladares 1-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jean Franke 2-24 (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Wenzlaff 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wendy Peters 1-22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch Ziesemer 1-24 (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Paul 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Jandre 1-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harold Siercks (Secretary) 1-22	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Saint Frances Cabrini (Term-End)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Kohlmann (Trustee) 3-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich (Trustee) 4-23	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lynn Corazzi (Chair) 2-23	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nick Shera 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Zimbal 2-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gregg Jashinsky (Vice-chair) 2-24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy 1-23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Godbout 1-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cathy Spies (Secretary) 1-22 (via phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Lucka 1-22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lysette Kopecky 1-24

• Opening Prayer -

- Fr Nathan opened the meeting at 6:50 with a reading from Isaiah, the group offered prayer intentions, and we concluded with an Our Father.

• Review and approval or corrections to past minutes

- The minutes were approved with two corrections. The spelling of Lynn Corazzi's last name was corrected and in Stewardship and Community the wording was revised to more accurately reflect a change in tax laws potentially impacting donations in December.

• Love One Another Capital Campaign Update:

- All three West Bend Parishes have now started the LOA campaign. Fr Nathan felt it has been generally a very positive response so far.
- There will be another meeting next week on planning the start of the campaign.
- Both SMIC and SFC have had a good initial start from contributors. Although exact numbers were not available SMIC has received approximately \$225,000 in pledges and SFC has received approximately \$500,000 in pledges.
- In person visits with Parishioners will be starting with Fr Nathan and selected LOA committee parishioners.
- Speakers will be discussing Stewardship in their lives in the coming weekend.
- As discussed before, monies received go to the Diocese. The Parish can then request funds to apply toward projects outlined in their LOA campaign goals.
- A question was asked about why SFC is going to install curved pews. Besides the age of the existing pews, curved pews will add approximately 150 additional seats. The contract cost for the pews is locked in at this time.
- A question was asked about the recent Catholic Stewardship Appeal mailing. This is separate from the LOA campaign and was already planned for this time, which may cause some confusion. A specific LOA campaign mailing is expected about mid March.

- **Adoration Room update:**

- Have been getting a good response from all the West Bend parishes.
- 252 individuals have registered on the Adoration web site, with 210 having committed to specific hours or as a substitute.
- We have contacted five surrounding Parishes about participation at the Adoration Chapel but have not spoke at any of their Masses.
- An Open House is planned for late February prior to the official opening. The opening with start of Adoration should occur in March and would start at the end of the 6PM Sunday Mass.
- The hours most in need of Adorers are 12, 1, and 2 AM with the goal of two Adorers at all times.
- We currently have about \$71,000 in donations for the Chapel construction with about \$51,000 paid out in expenses at this time. Additional donations are still coming in but there are a few big expenses still to outstanding.

- **New Business Manager update:**

- A new Business Manager was hired with a start time of mid-February. Bill Neurether has agreed to stay on a few days after his start for a turn over.

- **Budget process update:**

- Financially both Parishes are in good shape.
- The SMIC budget is fairly straight forward. The SFC budget is still being refined.
- The goal is to show a balanced budget for both Parishes.
- The current SFC school enrollment prediction is 198 students in K-8. Based on the response from recent parent tours this may be revised upward slightly.

- **Terms and members:**

- Starting in March we will start asking for new Council members based on who has expressed a desire to step away from the Council, or any member finishing a second term.
- Trustee terms and renewals will be discussed with Fr Nathan.

- **General Human Concerns update from Fr. Carlos:**

- Fr Carlos met with a group on January 13th to discuss ideas.
- It was decided to move the Food and Funds donation drive to the Lenten season in 2023.
- We will be adding the Full Shelf Food Pantry and Family Promise specific needs in the bulletin with donations bins at the Churches.
- February 9th to the 23rd a Twinning group travels to Honduras.
- Still planning a group trip to Haiti in continue the work on buildings and security.
- The SMIC drive for items for Greentree students, K-4, had about 95 donations of snowpants, gloves, coats, and boots. A thank you note signed by the teachers was received.
- A question was asked about Parish funding for community outreach. SMIC has a budget line for Twinning/Honduras support and SFC has a budget line for the Haiti outreach. Any additional projects ore requests are supported by donations. Most other requests are referred to St Vincent DePaul

Breakout meeting topics: St. Mary's Immaculate Conception

- Green Tree project status and next steps:
 - About 30 children at Green Tree get bags of food from the Food Pantry to take home. With Spring Break coming up, they will not receive these and the school is requesting we prepare bags of snack items for them.
 - After some discussion on how to proceed the consensus was to have Parishioners prepare individual bags, like the Angel Tree tags. The drive would start on February 27th with prepared snack bags due by March 13th. This will provide time to deliver them to the school prior to Spring Break. Any additional snack / food items could be donated to the school. NOTE: Due to the Rice Bowl also starting that Sunday the Staff decided to hand out lists of requested snacks rather than the paper bags.
- Committee Reports:
 - Stewardship – Harold Siercks
 - Ed Geidel and Dennis Gabel have been coordinating the fish breeding and frying activities for many years and expressed the intention of stepping down. They informed the Council about this in 2019 and gave 3 years notice to find replacements. This was news to the Council members.
 - Our next Fish Fry is scheduled for March 11th, to be held in the gym due to anticipated cold weather. The last Fish Fry in our current budget would be April 22nd.
 - I committed to contacting Ed and Dennis to determine their intentions and what information / instructions are available to prepare for the upcoming Fish Fry.
 - Prayer & Worship – Kathleen Paul
 - No report.
 - Finance – Bob Wenzlaff / Bob Jandre
 - Our budget is on track for expenses and income.
 - Faith Formation – Mitch Ziesemer
 - No report.
 - Human Concerns - Honduran connection – Wendy Peters / Oscar Valladares
 - The Respect For Life and Baby Bottle programs are on-going.
 - Most of the requests to St Vincent DePaul are for rent support.
 - Still planning the trip to Honduras with 5 individuals and SFC is still planning a Haitian trip.
 - The Full Shelf Food Pantry is thankful for our support. We will be adding specific items in need to the bulletin with donation bins at the exits.
 - The Angel Tree is ongoing which serves 50-60 children.
 - We will continue to have the Rice Bowl project in Lent.
 - The Pencil Case project raised about \$3,500 of the total support of about \$25,000 to our Honduran mission.
 - Cluster Council – TBD
 - Pastoral Council to Archdiocese – Jean Franke
 - No report.

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- A human concerns project for SFC similar to the IC Green Tree outreach?
 - A discussion around the implementation of a Drive or Collection for Green Tree v. WB High School student needs. Consider 2x's/year. This included the process of identifying the target (greatest need) and type of donations needed. Consider contacting the West Bend PD or the West Bend School District for perspectives on greatest need.
 - Family Promise/Food Drives - Target Donations based on Family Promise priorities 2x/year. This would be opposite the School Donation Drive discussed above. Move to Lenten time frame for first efforts. Find three other weeks each yr to support the organizations (Schools and Family Promise). Dave Kohlmann will discuss needs with Food Pantry Rep.
- Church project updates
 - Pews Ordered (Prices Locked in prior to recent inflationary concerns)
 - Fr. Nate is working with Groth for Music area concept design. Currently plan is to eliminate ramp in the area
 - Conrad Schmidt mural design in Progress
- COVID Masks at Mass
 - Dedicated sections will be reduced after the next two weeks. The 4:30 Saturday mass will then be the only Mass with masking criteria. It was noted that mask use has fallen off significantly over the last few months.
- Gender Identity
 - The Archbishop will release a 4 page position paper on gender identity for schools/parishes (ie bathroom configuration etc.)
- Committee Reports:
 - Stewardship – Mike Murphy
 - No updates.
 - Prayer & Worship/Liturgy – Gregg Jashinsky and Lysette Kopecky (staff connection Brenda R)
 - Sign ups for Lenten Small groups coming soon, Fr. Nate will be doing a 5 part video study on the Passion. (sign ups coming soon)
 - Finance – Randy Lucka and Jeff Godbout (staff connection –)
 - Next meeting in two weeks
 - Faith Formation – Dave Zimbal (Staff connection – Brenda Rodefer and Julie Braun)
 - Human Concerns – Cathy Spies and Fr. Carlos
 - Cluster Council – TBD as necessary
 - The Principal at Holy Angels Grade School will be stepping down at the end of this school year. The Diocese will be creating guidelines for collaboration this Spring.
 - School – Nick Shera (Staff connection – Will Waech)
 - Pastoral Council to Archdiocese – Lynn Corazzi
 - Together Event – TBD as necessary

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Upcoming meetings: (all 6:45pm)

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Thursday, January 6th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, February 3rd, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

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Thursday, April 7th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, May 5th, Pastoral Council, IC Hall

Thursday, June 2nd, Pastoral Council, IC Hall