

# Pastoral Council Minutes

July 21, 2022; 6:03 – 6:50 PM – Parlor

**Opening Prayer – Scripture Reading – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 11:1-13** (10 minutes) began at 6:03 PM.

**Attendees:** Russ Schuster, Rich Smail, Mark W., Charles Mayfield, Angela Byers, Fr. Albert, and Megan Johansen

**Meeting Roles:** Timekeeper (Angela) & Gatekeeper (Charles)

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:** approved without reading.

**Pastoral Council Picture** Taken by Megan with Russ' phone.

## **CGS – Catechesis of the Good Shepard – Ad Hoc Team** (>20 minutes)

Megan observed that in addition to the Level I (ages 3-6), there is need for 6 Level II classes to meet each week, with more expansion on the horizon as more teachers are trained. The need is for 2 – 3 classrooms for both Level I & II. We are in no way ready for Level \*\*\* yet. She reported on the Ad Hoc Team's progress, which included the work and recommendation of the Maintenance Committee, which looked for space in the school. They looked at dividing the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom, converting the Band Room (since the music department will have the Leitner Room), and possibly dividing the basement room in the old rectory basement. Initial response discouraged dividing the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom, while the old Band Room looks promising, and it is not clear as of yet if dividing the basement of the old Rectory will work. Maintenance also recommended removing the boiler from the boiler room, making space for storage as well as room for maintenance on a lower level. This seems to be agreeable to all parties. The possibility remains that the school will need an addition in the near future for CGS classrooms, a cafeteria attached to the school/gym, and rooms for preschool, as well as space for locker rooms. There is a growing concern about having children, especially the younger ones, move from one building to another. So the solutions proposed are temporary, with the hope of something more substantial in the future.

Bottom Line: more discussion is needed to come to a consensus about what to do for the classrooms, and the Ad Hoc committee will need to meet again and come up with recommendations.

**Parish Financial Status** (5 Minutes). Angela Byers reported that the Offertory collection was \$18k under budget, with an overall loss of \$13,413 for the year, thanks to a number of gifts. This next year we have tentatively budgeted for ca. \$18.5k per week on average, the same as this year. The Finance Committee will meet soon to close out the past year and finalize the budget for next year. However, our current income does not allow us to give any raises for the current year to our teachers or employees. There is a need for another stream of income if we are to successfully retain our employees.

## **Representation Reports** (<30 minutes)

- Maintenance -Mark Wiederholt reported that they are waiting for a decision about CGS classrooms. No news since last meeting and the report delivered.
- Finance Committee – Charles Mayfield reported they are working on finalizing the fiscal year soon.
- I-Team/Evangelization – Russ Schuster handed out copies of our next book, Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly to the members of the Pastoral Committee. He commented that they had done a reception for the new Deacons, then a successful parish picnic. Other than that, people have been on vacation. There is a meeting of the I-Team on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, then a Zoom meeting with Christy Thompson, our representative from Dynamic Parish the following day, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone is welcome to attend.
- Knights of Columbus – Rick Smail said the K.of C. is planning the following:
  - a first Degree Ceremony Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> between Masses Sunday morning.
  - a Newman meal at lunch after Mass on August 14 to begin the school year at NWMSU
  - a special Olympic lunch at Franklin Park for the Special Olympics on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- PTO – Ashley Greeley. N/A
- School Advisory – Traci Snyder. N/A

## **Upcoming Events** (Up to 3 minutes each)

- Pictorial Directory – Russ Schuster reported that we have about 330 families signed up for pictures, which is a little over 40% of our parishioners, and less than the previous directory. We would like to

see more people come and get their pictures taken. Russ has certainly done a great job of organizing, publicizing, and scheduling pictures. August 9-13 is the last week of picture taking after which they will begin work on putting the pictorial directory together, so there is not much time.

### **Possible Projects – Discussion** (<5 minutes)

- Need for more space
  - Cafeteria, Playground, Maintenance Shed, Adoration Chapel & Locker Rooms: no discussion, except in context of the CGS project.

### **Future Needs Assessment** (<5 minutes)

- Needs/Wants: Rick Smail asked if parishioners could be given specific needs to give towards in the school, kind of like the Wish List at Christmas time, but at the beginning of the school year, in case they wanted to give to a specific need.
- Surveys (No Comment)

The meeting ended at 6:50 PM with a prayer below.

### **Next Meeting Date**

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month) – Parlor

**Closing Prayer:** Pour forth your Holy Spirit, O God, on all gathered here. Keep the gifts of your Holy Spirit active in our hearts and lead us always to use these gifts for the common good of our Church and world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who gave us the gift of the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.