

# Pastoral Council Agenda

## August 18, 2022; 6:00 PM – Parlor

**Opening Prayer – Scripture Reading – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 13:22-30** (10 minutes) began 6:01 PM

**Attendees:** Traci Snyders, Charles Mayfield, Rick Smail, Russ Schuster, Fr. Albert, Megan Johansen

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

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

**CGS – Catechesis of the Good Shepard – Ad Hoc Team** (<10 minutes): Megan reported on progress and obstacles. We are planning on using the old band/music room and the parish office meeting room which are being converted into Level 1 CGS rooms. Level 2 will be downstairs below the meeting room in the Church Office. Building. We need 2 separate classrooms to accommodate the 3 year olds simultaneously. The old Band Room is leaking and needs to be repaired, so CGS will not start there this month or until the leak is repaired. Looking down the road, we can use this setup for a few years, but will need more space in the future. There is also the desire to return the Meeting Room to the parish office use for funeral planning and meetings of a more private nature. For now, this will work, but more concrete suggestions need to be made for the future.

**Parish Financial Status** (10 Minutes) The Finance Committee had met to close out the fiscal year at its last meeting. There was a discussion about How to Increase Revenue. This year, with 9% inflation, we were not able to offer any raises to our employees, since last year ended in a deficit of ca. \$18k. The parishioners did well to lower it in the last month or so from ca. \$50k. Suggestions were made to increase revenue: 1) challenge the parish to give more; 2) U. of Dayton offers courses on School Development programs; 3) Development program needed to seek money from retiring Baby Boomers. The sentiment was expressed that we have to find another stream of revenue to supplement those of tuition, PTO, and parish subsidy in a situation where the number attending Mass is slightly down coming back from COVID. Can we fund or create a larger endowment to help? Can we do fund raising? Can we approach our alumni for gifts? What about wills and bequests, leaving money to St. Gregory School, treating it in our wills as another child. We might be able to start a Development Office with bequest money, but it would have to pay for itself, then contribute to our effort within 2 or 3 years. One person asked if a Development Director, were we to have one, could organize and direct a capital campaign. Opinion was mixed. The discussion was animated and positive.

**Representation Reports** (<30 minutes)

- Maintenance -Mark Wiederholt – nothing further to report that was not included in the CGS report.
- Finance Committee – Charles Mayfield – included in above Parish Financial Status discussion, plus some discussion about whether Fr. Albert has made known that we have not been able to give raises; if the annual report will include what percent of people give, maybe even at various levels; and should we emphasize that the parish school rate (vs. non-parish) presumes that families are tithing?
- I-Team/Evangelization – Russ Schuster said that the iTeam is meeting Monday (8/22) at 6:30 PM, then there is a Zoom meeting with Christy Thompson from Dynamic Catholic this Tuesday (8/23) at 11 AM. Anyone is welcome to “attend” via the Internet.
- Knights of Columbus – Rick Smail recounted how the K.ofC. cooked the meal for Newman this past Sunday (8/14) with about 60 people attending. They are also facilitating and sponsoring the Parish Mission Sept. 12-13 from 6-9 PM, bringing in speakers from outside for our parishioners to hear. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> they are feeding people at the social Olympics at Franklin park. There was also a Bowling event last Saturday (8/13) for Special Olympics, and the officers of the K of C will be installed on September 10<sup>th</sup> with a cookout the evening.
- PTO – Ashley Greeley, was not here, but it was mentioned that the PTO Golf Tournament is August 27<sup>th</sup> at Mozingo, then November 19<sup>th</sup> is the Live Auction.
- School Advisory – Traci Snyder mentioned that the group had not met.

## Upcoming Events

- Pictorial Directory – Russ Schuster reported that a meeting with Rep from UCD (Universal Church Directories) is scheduled August 25<sup>nd</sup> to begin work on putting pictorial directory together. Professional picture taking is done, they are collecting personal and committee pictures, and the process is moving to the next phase of putting things together.
- Parish Mission (September 12 & 13, 2022; 6 pm to 9 pm with Mass at 5:15 PM, confessions during.)
- PTO Golf Tourney August 27<sup>th</sup> at Mozingo.

## Possible Projects – Discussion (5 minutes)

- Need for more space
  - Cafeteria, Playground, Maintenance Shed, Adoration Chapel & Locker Rooms. Discussion elsewhere.

## Future Needs Assessment (5 minutes)

- Needs/Wants for CGS space
- Surveys were mentioned so to gauge the willingness/desire to do projects, and to prioritize them.

## Next Meeting Date

September 21, 6:00 pm – Parlor

## Closing Prayer at 6:57 PM

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.