

Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Present: Stephanie Dowd, Maggie England, Father Tony Kruse, Nancy Leskun, Dan McGrane, Harland Robinson, Jim Roche, Vince Schons, Greg Stammeyer

Excused Absence: Jack Eherenman, Ellen Heuer, Ella Smith

Dan McGrane called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Opening Prayer was led by Greg Stammeyer.

Discussion of Apostolic Letter "*Desiderio Desideravi*", par. 38-47

- Council members continued their review and discussion of paragraphs 38-47. Paragraphs 48-52 will be discussed at our April meeting.

Council Decision Items:

- Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve by Nancy Leskun, second by Vince Schons, approved by consensus.

Council Discussion Items:

- **2023 Council Election:** Election must be held on or before the third Sunday of May. Two Pastoral Council seats, Jim Roche and Harland Robinson, and the CVCS School Board seat held by Greg Stammeyer, are to be elected. Jim Roche will only stand for re-election if not enough candidates are available; Harland is completing his appointed term to the seat vacated by Martha Korneisel and will not stand for re-election; Greg Stammeyer plans to run for a second term as the CVCS School Board Member. In light of the upcoming Parish Vitality review and discussion, we must carefully consider candidate qualification. We will reach out to candidates from last year's election to solicit their candidacy for this year, as well as other members of the parish who may be willing to serve.
- **Parish Vitality:** The Archdiocese has directed that each parish conduct Goal Planning utilizing feedback from the Synod to develop Vitality Goals for 2023-2024 to ensure the future viability of the Parish. Harland provided a brief overview of the Council strategic planning process conducted from 2015-2018 and will provide Council members with select documents from the strategic plan.
- **CVCS School Board:** The Board met to discuss Financials in light of the new Education Savings Act (ESA). The ESA will provide up to \$7,200 per child to pay for tuition, textbooks, etc. Parents will be responsible for any amount over \$7,200. The full impact of ESA probably won't be felt for up to 3 more years. Parish subsidies for CVCS will not change as we are in the first year of the three-year subsidy agreement. It is expected that any tuition increases as this time will be covered by ESA.

Pastor's Reflections:

- **School Boiler & Heating Issues:** Repairs to the water pipe, located underground between the two wings of the school, has been postponed to the summer as there are more pipes than anticipated, complicating repair and requiring more time.
- **HVAC Replacement:** The Archdiocese has approved the proxy and Fr. Tony will sign the contract with Young Plumbing & Heating on March 22, 2023.
- **Garage Sale:** Final totals of monies raised are not yet available. We expect the total to be around \$20,000.

Committee Reports:

- **CVCS - Greg Stammeyer:** The current "Retire the Debt" campaign for BMAP is not moving forward as quickly as hoped. Currently, the campaign has raised \$1.5 million of the \$3 million needed.
- **Finance Council - Ellen Heuer:** Council minutes included in meeting packet.
- **Liturgy - Jim Roche:** Communal Penance at Blessed Sacrament Sunday, March 26th at 2:00 pm.

- Parish Community Life - Dan McGrane: Trivia Night, April 1st.
- Social Justice - Vince Schons: No report.
- Stewardship - Stephanie Dowd: No report.
- WCFFC - Jack Eherenman: No report.
- Youth Representatives - Ella Smith & Melanie Ernst: No report.

Closing Prayer: Greg Stammeyer.

Adjournment: -- 8:14 pm

NEXT MEETING: Date/Time: April 18, 2023 @ 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harland Robinson
Secretary