

Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2017  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: St. Paul of the Cross

Chairperson: Daniel Marcellus  
 Prayer: Frank Reynolds

ATTENDANCE: Father Michael Fowler, Daniel Marcellus, Frank Reynolds, David Shaffer, Joseph LaGreca,  
 Daniel Cochrane, Elizabeth Dowd, Stephen Worboys, Barbara Kolstee, Joan Reid

EXCUSED: Ryne Raffaele

ABSENT: Steve Kruk, Cindy Drexler

TRUSTEES: Barbara Herman, Lorraine Hoffman, Roger Greiten, Ted Zornow,

GUEST: Carol Eilers-Lloyd, Elizabeth Jensen, Bonnie Deprez

PRAYER FRANK REYNOLDS	Frank Reynolds led us in the opening prayer.
DANIEL MARCELLUS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dan offered a suggestion that those wishing could meet 1-2 times during the summer to solidify goals, plans for the future and outcomes. He offered his home as a meeting site. He will e-mail the council members as to time and date.</li> <li>2. Each member then identifies self, parish, and plans for the summer.</li> <li>3. The minutes of the May 9, 2017 were approved electronically.</li> </ol>
MISS ELIZABETH JENSEN	Miss Jensen gave an in depth review of "The State of the School". She reviewed the diagnostic scores of the students by grade in September, January and June. These numbers demonstrated great growth in all grades. She described the academic interventions for those in need, the academic achievements of the students, community involvement of students, and spiritual involvement of the students. She described the various fund raisers and their results. She had a deficit at the beginning of the year and ends the year without one. She was happy to announce that there will be a 6 <sup>th</sup> grade next year. The teacher has yet to be determined. Mrs. Elizabeth Dowd will be the 4 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher. The Pre-School will be an all-day experience next year. She has carefully reviewed any needs of the school to alleviate any unnecessary expenditure. She was happy to report that there will be 75 students as of this date in the coming year. The "State of the School" looks very healthy going forward. Roger asked if this report could be shared with the parishes via the bulletin. It will be soon.
OPERATIONS REPORT BONNIE DEPREZ	Mrs. Deprez distributed a copy of her report. She identified work that has been done, work in progress and work to be accomplished. This information will be published in the bulletin at a date to be determined.
OFFICE UPDATE FATHER MICHAEL	Father was asked about the status of the Finance Committee. He said that they are still looking for a director and that Robert Deprez has stepped up to assist in this role until one has been chosen. The Diocese has someone in mind.
DANIEL MARCELLUS INFORMATION BOARDS	Dan presented an example of an information board that would be more up to date. He envisions group photographs of the Parish Council, Trustees, School Staff and Office Staff. He would like more information about Mass schedules, contact persons and activities at each parish. It was also suggested that perhaps 2 boards would better meet these goals. One would identify the various staffs and the second the information that changes. There would be one of each in each parish. Dan asked that if anyone saw a good example of information boards at another church in their travels to send the ideas /description to him. Everyone liked the heading, logo and general concept. He will work on getting them together soon. This would also be an item to discuss at a summer meeting.
PARISH COUNCIL and APPOINTMENTS	The Parish Council Membership Page was reviewed. Father Michael made a motion to reappointment Joseph LaGreco, Frank Reynolds, and Barbara Kolstee to a one year term. This motion was seconded by David Shaffer and approved by 9 yeas and 0 nays. Father Michael made a motion to approve the remaining council members to continue their terms. This motion was seconded by David Shaffer and approved with 9 yeas and 0 nays. David Shaffer made a motion to appoint Ryne Raffaele as the Chairperson for 2017-2018. This motion was seconded by Joseph LaGreco and approved with 9 yeas and 0 nays. David Shaffer made a motion to select Frank Reynolds as Vice-Chair person. Father Michael seconded this motion and it was approved with 9 yeas and 0 nays. Daniel Cochrane made a motion for Joan Reid to continue as secretary. This motion was seconded by Frank Reynolds and approved with 9 yeas and 0 nays.
OPEN FORUM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Like the idea of more unity, need to listen to the parishioners, each church has value.</li> <li>2. need to be engaging,</li> <li>3. having been here from the beginning, I feel that the council id becoming more cohesive</li> <li>4. Would like to suggest some changes to the format of the Bulletin, some information is missing, i.e. Music liturgy, lectors, greeters, altar servers, Mass coordinators, Ministers of Communion, etc.</li> </ol>

	<p>5. There is duplication of information in the bulletin; this could be consolidated leaving room for this information.</p> <p>6. Is the Mass schedule permanent as posted? Yes. There has not been a lot of discussion in the streets. The schedule needs to be changed in the Penny Saver. It was suggested that the Mass schedule be printed on brightly colored paper for greater visibility.</p> <p>7. When will the new deacon be arriving? September is the date.</p> <p>8. Thank you to Dan for all your energy, time and creativity. You chair a good meeting, keeping on track and on time.</p> <p>9. Suggest sub-committees to more efficiently meet goals, i.e. communications and create a data base, social programs, fund raising.</p> <p>10. We need to be more welcoming at Mass. Greet people even if you do not know them. Be more open in greeting each other, have a positive attitude</p> <p>11. If we could duplicate the feeling of community that is evident at daily Mass and Prayer service here it would be great. Everyone knows everyone, they talk to each other, are concerned about their health and what they are going to do that day.</p> <p>12. Before Mass, have the priest asked you to greet those around you.</p> <p>13. What is the status of the Food Pantry? It is officially open and moving along well. If you have any concerns, you can contact Jennifer Palmer.</p> <p>14. Bonnie still wants to change the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of 108 Prospect St. She envisions a parish center. It would need a ramp to be handicapped accessible and a handicap restroom. She thinks it would cost \$20,000 - \$25,000. Currently there are no funds currently available for this renovation.</p> <p>15. I like the idea of moving forward with focus groups. Establish goals with action plan for each goal to be accomplished in the coming year. Then report results to the Parish Council meetings as needed.</p> <p>16. Mass schedule – if changes are made, this information needs to be communicated to all parishioners when they occur.</p> <p>17. Concern about the involvement of the youth in spiritual life in the parish. Altar serves seem to disappear at a certain age. It isn't cool any more. We need to encourage them to continue to participate or change into another role, i.e. lector, Minister of Communion, Music liturgy.</p> <p>18. I like the return of the bells at the Consecration at St. Agnes.</p>
NEXT PC MEETING	September 12, 2017 at 7 pm at St. Rose
PRAYER & REFRESHMENTS	Ryne Raffaele

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Joan Reid