

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
St. Agnes + St. Paul of the Cross + St. Rose**

Date: March 15, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: St. Agnes

Chairperson: Michael Falk
Prayer: Elizabeth Dowd

ATTENDANCE: Fr. Michael Fowler, Michael Falk, Michael Young, Daniel Marcellus, Robert Westfall, Brian Denney, Earll Fontaine, Elizabeth Dowd, Lynne Mignemi, Joan Reid

ABSENT: David Shaffer, John Connelly

TRUSTEES: Roger Greiten, Lorraine Hoffman

VISITORS: Carole Eilers-Lloyd, Anthony Liccione

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| | Michael Falk opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Michael asked everyone to introduce themselves to the rest of the council. |
| PRAYER | Elizabeth Dowd led us in the opening prayer |
| GUESTS | <p>Tony Liccione came to share and explain a special Good Friday program at St. Agnes at 7pm and to recruit volunteers. Tony also noted that the St. Agnes Cemetery is not as clean and neat as it usually has been.</p> <p>Carole, parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross came to thank the Council for the minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting and that they are being posted at the church. She thanked Father Michael for the letter about reverence in the Bulletin. She said that the new altar servers are not aware of the bells and preferred the silence. Thirdly, she expressed concern about the sudden appearance of the Votive Candles in the Church. She reviewed the information from Vatican II that suggested that there were many changes to come: priest facing the people, less ornate attire, more austere sanctuaries, revision of the Eucharistic Prayers, and vernacular language, to name a few; “that we should open the windows and let the fresh air in.”; The Votive Candles appeared in February 2016. Why did this happen so quickly? I do not see any reason for having them. I would hate to see that they would accommodate the moving of the tabernacle back to the center of the sanctuary.” Bonnie responded and explained that they had researched them and found them to be safe and peaceful prayer time to remember a loved one or to pray for a specific reason. She would prefer that more thought be given to the return of the votive candles. The council reviewed the pro’s and con’s and decided this may need further discussion.</p> |
| FINANCIAL PRESENTATION BRIAN DENNEY | <p>Brian described his role as Financial Director and his responsibilities. He distributed 2 handouts. The first is a staffing analysis by Cluster per Accounting Transactions. His time is divided between several clusters and parishes. The chart describes the percent of time spent with each, the number of FTE’s per cluster, and the adj. staff. This information is available from his office. The second handout is a Financial Summary - Feb. 2016. This describes the financial health of each of the three parishes and St. Agnes School. This document is also available from his office. During the discussion of CMA, St. Rose has passed their goal. St. Paul of the Cross has not reached their goal, but they are also having a campaign to replace their church roof. They are also working to refurbish the white house and create an office space and Food Pantry space. They are also preparing the Blue house for sale. This may influence their status. St. Agnes has not reached their goal. St. Agnes has not been able to meet their goal in several years. Bob asked why this might be. Why are we given a goal we cannot possibly meet? Brian explained how the goal for each parish is determined. The CMA – Catholic Ministries Appeal – is basically a tax to each parish. It has to be paid. If not from donations, then the difference has to come out of the operating budget. Not a choice. It was suggested the maybe we should use the full name not the acronym. Someone asked if those who make their goal see a decline in the offertory collection? It was suggested that perhaps someone could speak to how these monies are used in each of our parishes. Maybe increase publicity about the Catholic Community in our Diocese. Brian was asked if he budgets for the short falls. Yes</p> |
| NEW MEMBER ELECTION COMMITTEE | Michael said that it is that time for those going off the Council to solicit people to replace them on the Council. It seems that 5 people are leaving. There will be forms in the back |

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| MICHAEL FALK | of each church for those individuals to complete and place in the collection basket. The staff will separate by parish. The names should be presented at the April meeting. The individuals need to be committed by the May meeting. The process should be completed by Pentecost. There should be three from each parish. Father has the option of appointing someone. We need to look at the Covenant to determine elected and appointed individuals. Elected individuals need to attend the June meeting. |
| ONLINE SIGNUPS for MINISTRIES MICHAEL FALK | There is an online signup program for people to sign up for the dates, times and ministries that they participate in. When did this begin? How was this information disseminated to those who are usually involved? What about those who do not have computers? No solution. This needs to have more research and certainly more information out to the parishioners. |
| PAROCHIAL ADM. UPDATES FATHER MICHAEL | CMA – Perhaps one last push to make up for the short fall. We have not shown the video. There does not seem to be any good way to do this. Dan said that he does have the equipment and would be willing to set it up at the three churches so that the video could be shown. Father thinks it would be best to show it in church after Easter in April. Reverence Article – 95% positive feedback. He was asked to review the time, date and location of the services of Holy Week during the announcements on Palm Sunday. SPoC – Father had asked Bonnie to do a drawing of what it would look like if the tabernacle were to be moved. It is not because of the votive candles. “I am reluctant to introduce anything controversial since the Mass schedule”. I would suggest putting the drawing in the back of church so that everyone could see what it would look like. There would not be a vote, but a consensus of the parishioners. Regarding Father’s re-assignment to our parishes - “I see the Bishop coming here for the Easter Vigil as a positive sign, keep up the good work”. There will be one candidate for Confirmation. |
| OPEN FORUM | Bob said that there are parishioners who want to know why the minutes cannot be inserted into the Bulletin. Father said that it would be too costly. There are paper copies in each church. Earll said that they have two new families at St. Paul of the Cross who live outside the cluster. When he inquired as to why they chose this church, they were impressed with the friendliness and number of activities available. |
| NEXT MEETING LOCATION & DATE | St. Paul of the Cross April 19, 2016 |
| PRAYER & REFRESHMENT | Earll Fontaine |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Joan Reid