

Pastoral Council Minutes

October 4, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice-Chair Elaine Steele. Opening prayer read.

Members Present: Elaine Steele, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Peter Patrick, Rita McKillip, Jon Gabik, Nadine Weske, Kevin Keenan, Therese Ciofani, Stephen Chitwood, Jake Hansen

Members not present: Tony Erba, Patti Van Kampen, Virginia Rader, Kent Maly

Trustees present: Dave Schultz, Tom Dean

Guests: Dan Murray (St. Robert Finance chair), Katie Kasper (St. Robert Finance) Cathy Czech (Holy Family)

Proceedings:

- Elaine read an e-mail from former council member, Rozanne Schmidlein, who asked for prayers and help coping with the loss of her friend and housemate, Jan Miyamae. Jan's funeral services will be on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Robert's Church. Visitation will be 9-10 AM, Eulogy and Mass of Christian Burial will start at 10 AM.
- October agenda was approved
- September minutes were neither presented nor approved due to Patti's absence.
- Elaine reminded members of the Spirituality of Stewardship Conference for Leaders at the Archdiocese on Friday 11/3 and repeated on Saturday 11/4.
- Cathy Czech attended the meeting in order to gain insight on communications by the Pastoral Council
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Fr. Dennis introduced his recommendation that the Pastoral Council create a task force authorized to investigate a potential merger of Holy Family and St. Robert's schools.
 - Members expressed interest in a meeting with Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese; this meeting will be held at Holy Family in **McCormick Hall at 6:00pm on November 1st**.
 - Current status of the school merger: It is noted that this issue was subsequently dropped.
- **Commission Reports**
 - Finance
 - St. Robert: The recent meeting focused on communication of the FY 2018 budget to the parish.
 - Holy Family: There was no finance meeting, though there was a separate meeting to discuss the future of McCormick Hall.
 - Human Concerns
 - Holy Family: No update
 - St. Robert: No update
 - Prayer & Worship
 - St. Robert: Discussion at the recent meeting included planning for new hymnals and the use of bells at mass.

- Holy Family: No update
 - Fr. Peter provided an update regarding mass times during upcoming holidays and holy days of obligation. These mass times will be posted to the website.
 - School
 - Holy Family: Discussion at the recent meeting primarily focused on enrollment and house of peace boxes.
 - St. Robert: Meeting topics included the new website, logo update, accreditation and the upcoming state of the school meeting.
 - Stewardship
 - Holy Family: The recent meeting focused on the Time & Talent campaign and refining the electronic solicitation process. Other topics included the welcoming committee and message during the upcoming state of the school meeting.
 - St. Robert: The focus of the recent meeting was the fall treasure campaign, which will run during November on a similar calendar as previous years.
- **Vision for our Cluster**
 - How will the cluster look / operate as we work more closely together?
 - Discussion centered around whether there would continue to be one or two school campuses.
 - What is a cluster?
 - Events that are vibrant.
 - Better coordination and communication of finance council(s).
 - Discussion of the model that the Waukesha cluster parishes have
 - How are we already collaborating?
 - Council members noted we collaborate on the Pastoral Council and by making events and resources of each parish available to members of the other parish (i.e. Fish Fry, Fair, Helping Hands).
 - Community events
 - Pastoral Council
 - What obstacles prevent us from collaborating further?
 - Comments included reference to attitudes-->defensive of territory, "brand", pride
 - Complacency
 - Schools that don't feel like they are one with the parish
 - Illusion of comfort at St. Robert's
 - Sense of tribalism
 - Communication - a large, and perhaps the biggest, obstacle
 - Could the PC become the shining light of collaboration? We could show the parishes what collaboration actually looks like.
 - Who is threatened by collaboration? Do we know why?
 - Personnel (job security)
- **Alpha**
 - It was agreed that the committee will volunteer to provide and serve food at the 11/13 Alpha meeting. Fr. Peter recommended that all council members attend and participate in an Alpha meeting.

Next PC meeting is scheduled for December 6th, 2017 at 6:30 at St. Robert

Meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:20.

Minutes submitted by Jake Hansen

