

ST ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Saint Ann Pastoral Council was called to order by President Ryan Wunderlich at 7:07 PM with a Hail Mary. Present were Ryan Wunderlich, Mike Cesnik, Fr. Francis, Ken Betz, Keith Fournier, Jose Cruz, Marianne Hawkins, Donna McGrath, Amanda Williams, Gary Cahill, Jake Weisenbach, Vivian Ejimabo, Tom Routon and Sandy Bessler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not brought up.

ADMINISTRATION

Ken Betz presented a report on the Finance Committee and the Building Committee. Ken said, as noted in the May 2 bulletin, the parish is currently \$18,000 below budget (not a surprise because of the effects of the Pandemic). Mike McKay is applying for PPP loan forgiveness. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on May 11, to review 3rd quarter (March 31, 2021) results.

Regarding the Building Committee, IPL/AES notified us that due to kilowatt usage we should be on a different rate. This could nearly double (approximately \$14,000) our expense for electricity. We are working with their contractor to replace lamps with LED and look for options to avoid being placed on the demand based rate. A grant application to help pay for improvements has been submitted to the Archdiocese. A camera policy will be written to address concerns expressed by the council at the last meeting about the installation of the security system. Regarding the security system, Amanda Williams had questions about children in the preschool and Religious ed programs being monitored. Keith explained that no one is monitoring the video during the day. Monitoring is only done, for example, if a child is injured, by reviewing the video after the incident. The possibility of having parents sign a video waiver was discussed. Members of the building committee met with Archdiocesan representatives to discuss our roof, which is failing prematurely. Work is ongoing to determine the cause and address the problem. Next meeting of the Building Committee is May 11.

FAMILY LIFE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

No report.

STEWARDSHIP

No report.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Donna McGrath reported that they had a combined meeting with St. Thomas More to work on getting ready for Easter.

OLD BUSINESS

At the previous Council meeting there was a discussion about updating the bylaws to allow write in votes for Council elections in the event of a crisis like the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion to invoke Article V, Amendment 1, to allow, in a critical event like the pandemic, the Parish Priest to invoke this amendment to develop an alternative process for elections. The motion passed, which allowed voting by mail or email in such a critical event.

It was announced that Mike Cesnik and Ryan Wunderlich, who have completed two terms on the Council, will be leaving the Council. An election of officers was held. Keith Fournier was elected president. Jacob Weisenbach was elected Vice President. Tom Routon was elected Secretary.

The terms of elected members of the Council were determined. Amanda Williams will be serving 1 more year on her 1st term. Gary Cahill will serve 1 year on his first term. Tom Routon will serve 2 years on his first term. Sandy Bessler will serve 2 years on her first term. Jacob Weisenbach will serve 3 years on his 1st term. Keith Fournier will be serving 3 years on his 2nd term.

Fr. Francis encouraged us to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Jude Meril, who will arrive the weekend of July 10-11. Father Francis explained that his last day at St. Ann will be July 4. He will be taking over from Fr. Jim Farrell at St. Pius X. Father Farrell is retiring. Fr. Francis said that the preschool will open this year. He is looking at 2 possible candidates for preschool director. He does have a concern, given our financial situation, about the capacity to pay the preschool staff. He wants the ministry to continue, but is concerned about siphoning off funds from the parish. He said he will leave that decision to the Council. He said that we need a committee to study the matter. Jake Weisenbach and Sandy Bessler agreed to serve on the study committee.

Keith Fournier said that he and Steve Kavanaugh will be working the concession at the 500 race, a fundraiser for the parish.

Father Francis thanked all the Council members for their service.

The meeting adjourned with a Glory Be at 8:08 PM.

Next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, (pending Council approval)

Mike Cesnik, Secretary