

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## November 6, 2018 Minutes

**Present:** Rev. Jazdzewski, Chris Woodford, Matt Krische, Becky Adamski-Krische, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, and Kris Miller. Terry Allen and Ben Minerath were excused. Jan Harper has resigned from the council.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on November 6, 2018, at 7:05 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski lead the prayer to begin the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Matt moved and Elaine seconded that minutes be approved as written. Council approved.

**Education Committee:** Matt Krische reported on the meeting that was held tonight.

- Parish security continues to be a primary concern. Matt can lead a simple self-defense training. Michelle is coordinating a safety inspection with ECPD, who will be contacted to facilitate training.
- ECFD inspection went well. Fire drill with children will take place one Wednesday.
- Parish Faith Night topic for November is “Why we go to confession and Divine Mercy” with Cheri Bowe. Future speakers are being confirmed and recruited. Immaculee Ilibagiza is not available for adult retreat. Michelle is following leads and working within a constrained budget and presenters’ full schedules, while keeping in mind what and who will reach the youth. Relationship with our young people needs to go with the truth.
- FORMED contract has been renewed. Every current user donated something, including a parish that was piggybacking on our parish code. They donated to our parish and enrolled themselves. This year, FORMED will be easier to use with a direct link from our website.
- RCIA is now under Education; looking for assistants to help Deacon Larry.
- Ann Werner’s last official day is Nov. 7. There will be a thank you and an acknowledgement of her service at PFN and in the bulletin.
- Minutes from all committees will be available on the website. Transparency and communication is important. The council decided to digitally approve the minutes and post them as quickly as possible.

**Family Life:** Kris Miller reported on the meeting held tonight.

- The committee watched “The Third Way” and “The Desire of the Everlasting Hills.” The hope is to have a study or reading group that might promote discussion about sensitive topics.
- The committee revisited the Parish Directory. Jeanne Reber will speak to the council about the process at the next meeting.
- Becky is the Fall Bazaar Chair. Report to follow later in meeting.  
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration needs a Chair/co-Chairs for decorating and Raffles. Proceeds from this event are split between the youth and Family Life projects.
- Taste of India: should it continue or be replaced? Discussion continues. Funds raised went to youth trips. Discussion included possibly changing to Mardi Gras themed activities, which could occur throughout that season from Epiphany through Mardi Gras. Suggestions included continuing to plan and implement something next year. The question to be addressed is “How to tackle any topic with our youth and parishioners? How do we build relationship with our youth

so they will be receptive to what we have to say?" There is a desire to provide parents with tools to deal with topics. The committee is working on providing "Teaching the Way of Love" for free to parishioners.

**Community Concerns Committee:** Elaine Carlson reported. They met on October 15 at 6:30pm.

- Blessing Boxes project continues. Box placement sites are being scouted. They will include seasonal items (sanitizer, sunscreen, mittens, mini library, etc.)
- Feed My People Weekend Kids' Meals raised about half of their funding goal.
- Rose K.-L. would like to step down as Beacon House chair, so a replacement needs to be recruited.
- Ride to Mass program is going well. Several people would like to rides. Safe Environment policies must be implemented for all volunteer drivers. That information is available in the office.
- CCC is planning for Christmas cards for the homebound and Advent Baby Shower. For the shower, boxes will be in both churches. Donations will go to area programs.

**Sacred Worship:** Minutes from last meeting were provided.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** The PC met on Oct. 9 in a joint meeting with the FC, where the SPC presented their plan for dealing with the oldest part of the Parish Center building. The PC met on Oct 18, to discuss information provided. That resulted in the decision that more time is needed to thoroughly examine the parish's situation, its ability to complete a major capital campaign and successfully manage debt, etc. The lack of transparency from the SPC, their spending parish funds on projects without permission of the FC, the lack of communication with the parish, and the lack of plan options to consider were all issues/concerns addressed. The PC decided that more time was needed to fully consider the plan. The PC wants to move forward, to have adequate communication between all involved parties and to be transparent with parishioners about plans. Members were interested in FC's opinions on the matter. The PC needs more time than the subcommittee has requested. The FC does not meet until 11/13, and the PC would like to hear their insights and recommendations.

**Finance Council:** To be in accordance with diocesan policy regarding councils, Chris asked for volunteers to rotate attending FC meetings. Kris will attend the 11/13 meeting. She has a list of questions/topics to address with them. Matt agreed to go in Dec., if they meet.

**Hearing & Feeling:** Members are interested in encouraging more efficient use of electronic communication tools, in order to be more green and to meet people digitally.

Members see benefits to combining Masses. They consider it a positive change to improve morale, promote community and fellowship, so services are not so empty. Average Mass attendance this year was 559 per week, 140 per Mass. (Mass counts for Oct. 2016-18 attached. Please refer to that for trends.)

**Old Business:**

- **Bazaar Update:** Reported by Becky. She thanked everyone for their support and for helping. Feedback on the weekend was generally positive. Some people did complain about changes. Using tickets for nearly everything streamlined money flow. Weather was a problem. There didn't seem to be as many families with children. Cake plinko was well received. The location change was good. Set-up, planning, and volunteer coordination was much more manageable in the expanded space and

more liberal time frame, since only basketball practices were displaced. Those who attended enjoyed themselves. The Lazy Monk Kick-off had a positive first experience. The move to the parish center was mostly positive

- Socials After Mass: Will continue. No schedule set at this time.
- Mardi Gras Fundraiser: Kris has been exploring the idea and has suggestions for activities for the entire season. Having a dinner highlighting Cajun cooking may be well received. Planning may need more time than 2019. Family Life Committee now only has three members. May need to change focus or be joined with another committee.
- Taste of India this year? Staff ran it in previous years. Fundraiser for youth. The Mardi Gras events might take its place.
- Ministry Scheduler discussion was tabled.

**New Business:**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Unification of Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish is coming. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:05 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

**Next Meeting**: Not scheduled. No December meeting due to Reconciliation Services.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.

These minutes were digitally approved by a majority of the Pastoral Council via email chain. 11-14-2018.