

FEBRUARY 2019 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Lawton Blandford, Clare Charzewski, Michelle Curnow, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, Keith McGuinness, Scott Phillips, Juan Saiz, and Colleen Sutton.

Members Absent: None

1. Opening Prayer – Juan Saiz

2. Minutes – Colleen

Colleen read January's 2018 minutes. Changes and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved and accepted.

3. Parish Emergency Safety Plan Review – Deacon Zeke

Deacon Zeke was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness in his family. Father Frank presented some of the following notes:

- a. The Parish Staff has approved the new plan.
- b. Medications have been eliminated from the plan.
- c. AED Defibrillators have been upgraded.
- d. A new AED Defibrillator has been ordered.
- e. Staff will be trained on how to use the AED Defibrillator.
- f. Training for Hospitality Ministers will be on a volunteer basis.
- g. Chrissy Glisson will be looking into coordinating CPR training for certain Parish members.
- h. New First Aid Kits have been ordered and should arrive by July 19th or 20th.
- i. Posted signage for the parish is being delayed until construction is completed.
- j. Matt Helton will be in charge of the Emergency Safety Team for the parish.

4. Building Update – Father Frank

- a. The 2nd phase of the Master Plan will involve the addition of space for our Faith Formation Groups. At this time, we have over 200 children and adults involved in various programs. This 2nd phase will begin after the initial mortgage is paid. Could be between 10-15 years down the road.
- b. Construction has started on the new church.
- c. Ground breaking ceremonies, involving parishioners, went great. Received a lot of positive feedback.

- d. Next step is the tearing up of the old parking lot in the back. That should start in 2 weeks, depending on the weather.
- e. Construction cost still remains on target.
- f. PSNC Energy (Natural Gas Company) has completed the relocation of the gas service lines. This was completed for free due to original right of way issues.
- g. The pews for the new church have been ordered. The cost is \$124,000. These will be oak benches with modest kneelers.

5. Goals of the parish for the next 3-5 years – All

Father asked each council member present, to list what top 3 goals are important to them. There was a wide variety of top 3's from each member. Overall, New Pastor, Paying the mortgage and parish growth seem to be on each members mind. We will revisit these items after the Easter Holiday.

Updates to prior suggestions (new information is listed in red):

- Deal with the current Church Crisis
- Paying on the mortgage for the new church
- New Pastor
- Hispanic Community
- Multi-cultural Involvement
- Stewardship – Charity – Internal Ministry
- Continued growth of the parish and how to handle it
- Growing our Faith Formation Program **to include Adults**
- Discipleship
- Evangelization
- Strategy for Social Media outlets
- Internship from Belmont Abbey
- Staying true to our mission
- **Cultivating our parish ministries and adding new ministries:
We currently have 72 ministries that are overseen by the current Parish staff. Would like to have a review of each ministry at least twice a year to stay updated.**

6. New Council Members update – All

- a. We currently have 4 available pastoral council seats that need to be filled. Robbie Dills has been asked to pray fully consider submitting an application. He was able to join us at February's meeting and gave some great feedback on certain topics.
- b. The first week of March there will be bulletin inserts about the opened positions and forms in the Narthex for them to take home.
- c. Individual council members will also be present in the Narthex to answer any questions.

7. Pastoral Council Officer Elections – All

The three current officers gave a brief description of their job titles and then nominations were made and elections completed. The Officer's for the next year will remain the same and are as follows:

President:	Keith McGuinness
Vice President:	Lawton Blandford
Secretary:	Colleen Sutton

8. Lent 2019 – Father Frank

- a. This year's theme is called "Pillars of The Church".
- b. It will focus on 4 elements of Catholic Life.
- c. Introduction and summary will be presented by Deacon Zeke.
- d. Week 1 is Sacramental Life and what it means to us.
Week 2 Understanding the Word of God.
Week 3 The Eucharist and what it means.
Week 4 Catholic World View.
- e. Stewardship Experience will be presented during Mass the first 4 weeks of March. Treasure will be the main topic. The last week will be designated towards parishioner's commitment towards treasure.

9. Fundraisers – Scott Phillips

- a. We will be having another Gastonia Grizzlies fundraiser this year on Friday, July 19th.
- b. Last year we sold 420 tickets.
- c. There will be a change in pricing:
Covered seating will be \$17.00 and will not be general admission anymore.
Also, those tickets must be used the day of the event.
Bleacher seats will be \$15.00 and can be used anytime during the season.
- d. Group tickets include entrance to the ball game and an all you can eat menu: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Sandwiches, Chips, Soda, and bottled water.
- e. Chrissy Glisson will be singing the National Anthem.
- f. Need more people to help with ticket sales this year.
- g. Will try to get the team manager and one of the ball players to visit the parish during one of the masses.

10. Closing Prayer – Clare Charzewski