

MAY 2019 PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Julie Andrews, Lawton Blandford, Robbie Dills, Robbie Doran, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Maggie Helton, Scott Phillips, John Russell, Juan Saiz, and Colleen Sutton.

Members Absent: Clare Charzewski, Matt Gibbons, and Keith McGuinness.

1. Opening Prayer: Theresa Eze

2. Minutes: Colleen Sutton

April 2019 minutes were read, accepted and approved by the council.

3. Introduction of the new Pastoral Council members: All

Lawton Blandford introduced our newest council members. All members, new and old, then took the opportunity to introduce themselves and give some personal feedback about themselves.

4. Preliminary Finance Council Report 18-19 FY as of May 29th, 2019: Charlie Boyd

- a. Through May, the 18-19 FY offertory is 1.5% greater than the 17-18 FY offertory for the same time period. During the past 5 years, our average growth rate has been approximately 4% to 5% per year.
- b. Q of A recently conducted a Stewardship Campaign. There were commitments from 160 families to increase their offertory by \$64K per year (or approximately 7.5% increase compared to last year's offertory). During April and May, the first two month of the campaign, our average offertory was \$17,905 per week.
- c. Based on the early results of the stewardship campaign coupled with our normal family growth rate, we anticipate offertory growth of 7% to 9% in the coming year. We will monitor closely over the next few months to refine our estimate.
- d. Expense management by our church staff continues to be a strength. We expect to end the year at approximately 95% of budget (which will result in positive cash flow of approximately \$20k).
- e. Our DSA goal for 2019 is \$96,308. Through May 20th, there are \$80, 714 in gifts and pledges with 253 participants. To meet our goal, there must be better participation. (Presently, less than 25% of our families participate).
- f. Approximately \$3.1M has been raised to build our new church. Through June, \$1.5M has been spent and \$1.6M remains in savings.

5. Goals of the parish: All

The following questions were proposed by Father Frank and we were asked to reflect on these questions over the summer in order to give our “individual” perception at our August meeting.

- a. What are the realistic gifts this parish offers members, the diocese, and the community?
- b. What are realistic needs we have as a parish community? (Pastoral, physical and spiritual).
- c. What pastoral gifts will best serve us in a new leader?

Based on these questions, there was some discussion in reference that our Young Adult Programs have stumbled, as have programs for parents with young children and then a question of what are we missing as a parish?

6. Father Franks Good News: Father Frank

- a. The church staff will be making a temporary wooden cross, decorating and signing it to be placed to the top of the building once the roof is up. This should be taking place on May 31st.
- b. Members of the church will be asked to “sign the steel frames” of the church after Mass the weekend of June 15th-16th. Refreshments will be served after all Masses inside the structure.
- c. Members will also be invited to tour the new church building sometime in July and to bring a small, unframed picture of themselves and/or family to be placed in containers that the church will provide. These containers will then be sealed and placed underneath the Baptismal Pool. Again refreshments will be served.
- d. Pew cost update: The actual cost is \$114,000 verse the original estimated cost of \$150,000. With the savings from this expense, other interior items will receive an upgrade.
- e. Our Stations of the Cross will be donated to our church. The hand carving of The Stations of the Cross has been completed by Mr. John Zacariah.
- f. We will also have some savings with our parking lot and landscaping expenses.

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g. The new church will have arched shrines/niches that will displays statues of:

1. Mary, Mother of Jesus
2. Our Lady of Guadalupe
3. Saint Teresa of Calcutta – Poor
4. Saint Katharine Drexel – Belmont Abbey/Basilica
5. Saint Francis of Assisi – Nature
6. Saint Joseph – Fathers’ with children

The hope is each arched location will be 4-5 feet tall. Behind each statue it would be nice to have art work from a current member of our parish. A request will be sent out to any potential artist that would be interested in this project.

- h. The parlor will be named after Sister Catherine McAuley. She was the founder of Sisters of Mercy in 1831.
- i. Our Palestine Christian brothers and sisters (2 large families), that we’ve known for a long time, gifted Father Frank a large icon of “Jesus the Teacher”. Father Frank has gifted this icon to our new church and it will hang over our interior front doors.
- j. All other summer projects are on target.

7. Grizzlies Fundraiser: Scott Philips

Tickets will go on sale the weekend of June 1st - 2nd after each Mass. The current Grizzlies Head Coach Charles Bradley and Jake the Leprechaun are schedule to speak after the 8:00am and 9:45am Masses. Our fundraiser game is Friday, July 19th.

8. Our Pentecost banner will be carried by Juan Saiz.
9. The laminated cards for parents informing them of our KidZone ministry, Children’s Liturgy and Cryroom location are now located in the pews.
10. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 22nd, at 7pm.