

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, November 15, 2018
 7:00 pm
 Church Office

Parish Pastoral Council Members

COMMISSION MEMBERS						
Term Expires	Christian Education Commission		Social Concerns Commission		Worship and Spiritual Commission	
Apr. 2019	Eddie Hoff	X	John Kempf	X	Dave Joynt	X
Apr. 2020	Kristi Widmer	X	Logan Comegys		Brian Lutz	X
Apr. 2021	Kathryn Schuster	X	Marilyn Vanderfeltz		Lillian Oswald	X
OTHER MEMBERS						
Fr. Bill Peckman			X			
Theresa Krebs, Director of Religious Education						
Alan Lammers, Principal						
Tyler Schuster, Youth Representative						
Gabi Webster, Youth Representative						
Mary Beth Conway, Finance Council			X Guest speaker			

1. Call to Order – Called to order at 7:01 pm
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father, led by Brian
3. Approval of minutes from Oct 11, 2018. Dave moved to approve the minutes as is, Lillian seconded. Approved.
4. Finance Council Report – Mary Beth Conway –
 - a. At this time, we are facing a Cash Deficit of \$50,000.
 - i. We do have some funds in Diocesan savings amounting to \$128,000 – with 50K for the school, 78K in the general fund. We want to avoid drawing from these funds, or they will be quickly depleted.
 - ii. We have 85K monthly expenses for salaries (payroll etc is annually 71% of our budget).
 - b. This year, expenses exceeded revenue by \$60K.
 - i. Contributing to this is the fact that we are \$28K short on collections and school insurance is \$5K over budget.
 - ii. Usually by end of year we are about \$10K ahead or \$15k behind. Last year we ended with \$54 K deficit, due to additional school expenses and some other expenses, which is part of the \$60K we are short now.
 - c. Action: We need to increase income through stewardship, but in short term must watch expenses. Reviewed expenses at school, and they are already running a tight ship. We have had a surge in restricted donations, which is good and bad. Those donations have helped with special projects and purchases, but any funds left over cannot be used for general expenses. Similar issue with bequests.
 - d. Action: Finance Council will have a representative speak to the parish in January.
5. Principal's Report - none submitted at this time.
6. Commission Reports – Reviewed in advance
7. Director of Religious Education Report – Submitted in advance by Theresa Krebs and included below.
8. Old Business
 - a. Choice Wine is coming to an end.
9. New Business
 - a. Donated money to community choir from SsPP Cares Fund.
10. Pastor's Report – Fr. Peckman

- a. Work coming on confessionals to redo them, using existing funds in house. This is to be Virtus compliant by preventing anything seemingly improper in the confessional when a priest may be alone with a minor, to protect both the minor and the priest.
 - b. October Count was up this year.
 - c. January 3 – Vitality and Viability subgroup meeting
 - d. January 28 – Facilitator meets with subgroup.
 - e. Bishop will continue to work to implement the Wichita Stewardship Plan across our diocese.
 - f. Families with students in school have until Dec 1 to decide if they will participate in the parish (by attending Mass AND donating SOMETHING (no minimum)) or they will become tuition families. Annual tuition is about \$3500 per child, with discounts for additional children. This still does not cover the COST to educate a child at SSPP Parish School.
11. Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb 7, 2019, 7pm (will prep for elections)
 12. Closing Prayer: Glory Be led by Father Bill
 13. Adjournment: 8:12 pm.

1) Current Classes

- a) PSR: This is our first year meeting on Wednesdays. We have 32 students enrolled: six in K/1st; four in 2nd; six in 3rd/4th; seven in 5th; five in 6th; three in 7th/8th and one who is homeschooled. This month, PSR activities are First Reconciliation for 2nd grade on Wednesday, Nov. 14 and leading the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, Nov. 18.
- b) Freshmen Classes: This is on hold.
- c) Confirmation: Our confirmation program will begin in January/February when the students are sophomores (and juniors). They would then get confirmed in the fall of their junior (senior) year. This year (2019) will be a catch-up year, with as many as 60 students. We will offer classes Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- d) RCIA: We have five candidates in RCIA.

2) Sacraments & Liturgical Seasons

- a) Baptisms: We have two baptisms scheduled November.
- b) First Reconciliation: Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. In addition to the four PSR students, we had 13 from the second grade class.
- c) Advent: We will be distributing, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" by Michael Kelly.
- d) Lent: We will be offering CRS rice bowls to the parish.
- e) First Communion: Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 at 11 a.m.

3) Other education/programs:

- a) Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: This was handed out Nov. 1 on All Saints Day at the 7 p.m. Mass, and daily installments of the novena were posted on Facebook with good response. I'll get it out earlier next year, now that it's put together.
- b) Virtues classes at SSPP: I meet monthly with each classroom to teach a Saint and Virtue of the Month. This year's focus is the virtue of Charity and a theme of community.
- c) Theology of the Body: Our Virtues program was reinforced with our faculty retreat which was presented Nov. 5 by Ruah Woods.
- d) Choice Wine, a marriage enrichment program, is underway with Eddie Hoff as the primary facilitator. About a dozen couples are participating. Deacon Dave will perform a renewal of marriage vows at the last class session on Sunday, Nov. 18.
- e) Totus Tuus: We are confirmed for the week of July 7-12, 2019. "Save the Date" information is being distributed through school, PSR, youth groups, the bulletin, flyers at church, the website & social media.
- f) Formed.org: "Pick of the Week" in the bulletin each Sunday and on Facebook. For the last month, our parish Engagement Ranking, as compared to all Formed parishes worldwide with data normalized before ranking (using actual number of registered users in each parish) to eliminate parish size bias, is:
 - i) Visits: 90% among all parishes, with 180 visits
 - ii) Events: 88% among all parishes
 - iii) Minutes: 47% among all parishes
 - iv) Top Videos: Beloved (marriage prep series), Praying the Rosary, and Catholic Answers to the World's Questions
 - v) Top Audios: Searching the Scriptures (nine plays), Saint John Paul the Great and For Love & Marriage (tied with five plays each)
 - vi) Downloads: YDisciple Program and the Beloved Program

4) Youth Ministry/Fellowship

- a) Juvies 4 Jesus (Brian & Trish Lutz): Grades 8-12, meets Sunday nights at 7:30 in the p/o basement.
- b) God Squad (Brent & Janelle Drummond, Jesse & Kelly Rohrbach), grades 6 and 7: meets the third Sunday of the month from 6-7 p.m. in the p/o basement. The next meeting will be Nov. 18. They are working on Operation Shoebox as a service project.
- c) NCYC ran three concession stands for SSPP volleyball tournaments, earning \$225. For their next event, they will offer gift wrapping at the Farmers Market Holiday Market to be held Saturday, December 1 at LSE from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to a charity (to be determined).

5) Community Outreach

- a) The Rosary Rally was held at Hannah Cole Park (corner of Main and Morgan) at 12 noon, Oct. 13. The BDN ran a front page above the fold press release on this and it was announced on the radio.
- b) The BDN published a full-color photo of our PSR students with information about their food drive.
- c) We had a booth at the Blackwater Festival, Saturday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- d) We had a booth at the YMCA's Halloween event, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.
- e) I had a booth at the Turkey Dinner. I handed out information about church programs, Advent, youth groups; gave away books and scapulars; and had a drawing for Catholic T-shirts & phone pockets.
- f) Saturday, December 1: Boonville's holiday kick-off. We may have an entry in the parade @ 2:00 p.m. The NCYC group may also offer gift wrapping for free will donations at the Holiday Market at LSE from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6) Upcoming Events

- a) Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:15 @ SSPP.
- b) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Masses: Friday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Fayette and 7p.m. SSPP; Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. at SSPP.
- c) Thursday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.: SSPP Advent Penance Service

7) Training

- a) Brian & Trish Lutz & I attended the Diocese's annual retreat for youth ministry & catechetical leaders on Saturday, October 27.
- b) The Diocese will offer another program, "Navigating Science and Religion in the Catholic Classroom," Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. This information has been shared with all who lead youth ministry programs, and who teach PSR and Confirmation. Kris Stodgel & I are attending, on different days.