

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2016

In Attendance: Fr. Ray McHenry, Dave Dirks, Anne Franzen, Joe Happe, Carolyn Kirchhoff, Ted Nahas, Jennifer Krzak

Absent: Chris Doud, Cassie Edgar, Jay Vogt, Laura Wenman, Fr. Adam Westphal

The meeting was called to order by Joe Happe at 6:30pm and began with prayer. The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

The meeting minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and motion made by Dave Dirks to approve. The motion was seconded by Ted Nahas.

Pastoral Update

Father Ray McHenry gave a pastoral report. Items of note:

- The mission trip to Africa was a great trip.
- Pastoral Planning Process - still progressing. Reports are coming in and Fr. Ray continues to gather information.
- SFA was a caucus location for the Republican Party. Unfortunately, there was a news article afterwards claiming that SFA was endorsing a specific candidate (Donald Trump). That was an inaccurate report. SFA has not and will not endorse any candidate. Fr. Ray will work to shine light on the truth regarding this topic.

Old Business

- **Pastoral Planning** process update was discussed briefly as part of the pastoral update. Fr. Ray is receiving feedback from various groups and will continue to evaluate.
- **25th Anniversary Planning and Programming** - many great events continuing to occur here at SFA. Anne Franzen made comment of being in the building on a Tuesday evening and noticed it was buzzing with activity/meetings/study groups.

New Business

- **2016 Discernment Process and PC Involvement** - information meeting will be on Feb 14 at 1:00pm with Discernment Interviews being held March 6 at 1:00pm. Please keep those considering serving on this council in your prayers.
- **Mass Schedule** - Carolyn Kirchhoff had been approached regarding the idea of whether SFA was considering offering a Sunday afternoon Mass. After a PC discussion including the on-going pastoral planning process, 25th anniversary activities, the scheduled of our pastors currently, and variety of Mass times available currently on the west side of the DSM metro, it was determined a Sunday afternoon Mass at SFA will not be added at this time.
- **Home and School Budgeting** - Ted Nahas reported there are a handful of projects that may be looking for additional funds during budget discussions: 1) playground – needs to be paid back before 2018; 2) add fiber-optics to the school; 3) around \$15k worth of equipment in relation to the new track; 4) K-2 special reading program.
- **Boy Scout participation in Francis Fest 2016** - the boy scouts have expressed interest in taking over the food as a fundraiser. Fr. Ray and the PC came to the conclusion that this sounds like an idea

we are open to explore for this coming fall as long as the cost of the food products offered to parishioners remains reasonable (i.e. let's keep this an affordable event.)

- **Alpha and post-CRHP programs** - Dave Dirks has been through Alpha. There are videos available rather than needing to bring in speakers. Would be a good way to evangelize. It's a 10 week program with each week including a meal, video, and discussion. Could be offered as a men's group, a women's group, or as a couple's group. Anne Franzen also shared that a new women's group has begin a "test group" with the Walking With Purpose materials which we hope to offer to a broader group of women in the near future.
- **Catholics Come Home** - we have not yet seen the ads, but expecting them soon in correlation to the start of Lent. Comments/notes from the Catholics Come Home training were provided to council members for perusal.

Liaison Reports

- Reports were provided to PC regarding the 25th Anniversary Committee, Board of Education, Buildings & Grounds, Finance Committee, Worship & Spirituality, and Safety Committee. No further PC discussion on these items to be noted.

With no other business to be completed, the meeting concluded in prayer at 7:50 pm.