

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

February 2, 2017

Meeting began at 6:32 pm and ended at 8:27pm.

**In Attendance:** Fr. Ray McHenry, Fr. Andrew Windschitl, Chris Doud, Garrett Hill, Anne Franzen, Larry Johnson, Molly Myers, Nikki Snyder, Laura Wenman

**Absent:** Cassie Edgar, Dave Dirks, Gary Goodhall, Carolyn Kirchhoff

## **I. Opening Prayer:** Prayer for Our Pastor

## **II. Approval of Agenda & Prior Meeting Minutes**

- Motion to approve the Agenda was made by Anne Franzen and Seconded by Nikki Snyder: Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes made by Nikki Snyder and Seconded by Molly Myers: Motion passed unanimously.

## **III. New Business** – SFA Ladies' Club Proposal

- Kara Pollpeter, Judy Eilertson presented on the new Club. There was discussion on the budget (\$200) on where that would come from. The group would be for St. Francis women over the age of 21. There was brainstorming of who this group would reach out to what their mission would be.

## **IV. Spotlight of the Month** – Religious Education (RE) – Christen Cota

- RE started Edge for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday nights.
- St. Francis received an award for Opening Doors for Special Needs from Loyola Press and the National Association for Persons with Disabilities. This award was granted to St. Francis on December 11, 2016. The presentation was made at mass. St. Francis received a grant of \$1,000. St. Francis received this award for its focus on children within the RE program and being a welcoming community for persons with disabilities.
- RE's mission is to have families live their faith as a family.
- RE is encouraging volunteers – especially as catechists and some behind-the-scenes for Edge

## **V. Pastoral Update**

- Annual Diocesan appeal: The goal was \$303,000 and approximately \$289,000 was raised. There is a significant pledge that was received that may put our parish over the goal. The Dioceses will announce St. Francis' 2017 goal by the end of February.
- Mission trip to South Africa: The mission was a success. The group from St. Francis installed the Enviro Loos.
- New Catechesis Council Established: Youth Ministry, Adult Formation, and Religious Education will be forming a new Council. Fr. Ray asked members of Parish Council to discern off of Parish Council and on to the newly established council. The new council will comprise of no less than 6 members. Terms of the new members will be staggered. There was discussion about the name of the new council – this is an ongoing discussion. Additionally, physical changes will be made to the offices to have the three entities (Youth Ministry, Adult Formation, and Religious Education) share offices. St. Pius Parish is an example of the new changes of the councils. The Parish Council expressed their support of Fr. Ray in his decision to establish this new Catechesis Council.
- Discernment dates and pulpit talks: Pulpit talks will occur on February 18-19. Anne Franzen will email out sign-ups. March 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Informational meeting hosted by Fr. Ray, Cassie Edgar, and Chris Jenkins. April 8<sup>th</sup> will be discernment.
- Old business:
  - Communications Director and Volunteer Coordinator hiring are still to be hired.
  - Christmas mass attendance was down but still was a success.

## **VI. Liaison Reports**

- Buildings and Grounds – Building updates will occur in the Spring of 2017.

## **VII. Miscellaneous:**

- Confirmation changed its process from two years to one.

## **VIII. Closing Prayer**

## **IX. UPCOMING DATES:**

- Next Meeting: March 2, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Larry Johnson