

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 7, 2018, Meeting began at 6:30 pm and ended at 8:00p.m.

Fr. Ray McHenry	DeAnn Howard
Fr. Trevor Chicoine	Joe Koenigs
Garrett Hill	Rick Schraeger
Gary Goodhall	Charlie Graham
Larry Johnson	Blake Riffel
Bonnie Dickson	Tom Sepic

I. Opening Prayer

II. Approval of Agenda & Prior Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes: Rick Schraeger; Second: DeAnn Howard. Passed: Unanimous.

III. Pastoral Report – Fr. Ray McHenry

- Welcome to the Guests/New members and introductions.

IV. Pastoral Update

- The remodel of the parish offices will conclude in the next few weeks.
- The New Music Director, Emily Schmid, is hired and started on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.
- Annual Dioscesan Appeal – currently \$236,000 is pledged or paid with a goal of \$334,000 (\$98,000 short). The Finance Council will give pulpit talks in the next few weeks.
- Parish Council Member Nikki Snyder resigned effective immediately due to other time commitments. The parish council appreciated her service. Fr. Ray asked for recommendations of individuals to serve out her term (1 year left) and he will approach those individuals.

V. New Business

- Discernment

- Discern for Pastoral Council Vice Chair: DeAnn Howard. Motion: Rick Schraeger, Second: Bonnie Dickson. Passed: unanimous.
- Secretary: Blake Riffel. Motion to approve: Rick Schraeger, Second: Bonnie Dickson. Passed: Unanimous.
- Building and Grounds: Bonnie Dickson.
- Board of Education liaison: Joe Koenigs
- Faith Formation Council: Rick Schraeger (no change).
- Finance Council: Gary Goodhall (no change).
- Liturgy Committee: new parish council not named yet.
- Parish Home and School (there has not been a liaison from PC for this in the past): Charlie Graham.
- Parish Life: Tom Sepic
- Social Concerns: Larry Johnson
- **New Church Evacuation Information – Tom Sepic.**
 - Tom distributed a draft evacuation plan for fire and tornadoes. He explained the draft and took comments from the council.
- **Kids Care Fee Increase – Garrett Hill**
 - Garrett received comments from parishoners concerned and dissatisfied with the increase of fees and timing of the notices. Fr. Ray explained the reason for the increase was due to increase of costs, lack of increase for the past 4 years, and to be competitive with surrounding services. He stated the program will improve timing of similar notices in the future.
- **Financial Transparency – Bonnie Dickson**
 - Parish Council will update the discernment packet to make sure each council's description is accurate.

VI. Liaison Reports

- Buildings and Grounds: Looking at cost savings measures.

- Faith Formation Council – Please see their minutes on their website. The council is currently addressing the results of their questionnaire.

VII. Concluding comments:

- Parish Council website needs to be updated with Garrett Hill's contact information.
- DeAnn brought up the following website for council members to read in order to be an effective council: <http://4ipi.com/blog/7-secrets-to-highly-effective-committees/>.

VIII. Upcoming dates:

- October meeting: TBD
- FrancisFest – October 7, 2018

IX. Closing prayer: Fr. Ray.

Minutes submitted by Larry Johnson