

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Mark, Martha Cucco, Millie McCormick, Terrie Mess, Marianne Weber, Kurt Kayser, Kathie Murray, Gene Bulla, Sandra Cruz, Dave Bergsma and Lois Maywald. Millie called the meeting to order at 6:30, followed by Fr. Mark giving the opening prayer.

Millie asked for approval of the agenda and one item was added under Old Business. Kathie made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. Kurt seconded and the minutes were approved.

FATHER MARK'S REPORT: Fr. Mark began by thanking the Finance committee and the trustees for their hard work. He then mentioned the Deanery Meeting and said there was a report on how well Catholic schools in the Archdiocese are doing. He said there are 195 parishes, of which 133 have a shared pastor and 26 are free standing with only one priest. By the years 2020-2025, there will be 39 priests ready to retire. The Archdiocese is starting a fund raiser similar to Faith in the Future. We will be in the third wave, starting in the spring. There was talk about doing another study on how many families are active in the church.

OLD BUSINESS: The family that wants to buy a St. Michael statue for the church asked us to vote on this project. The one they have chosen shows St. Michael standing on the devil. Some committee members feel the devil is too graphic, and they would like the family to find a less graphic statue that will not frighten the children. Kurt made a motion to vote on whether or not we like the statue. Lois seconded it. Fr. Mark said he, Fr. Sergio and Mike Deane are against having the statue. Mike Deane said it would set a precedent that other families may also want to donate a statue. Fr. Mark said he would contact the family this weekend and find out if they have already purchased it. Lois suggested asking the teachers to teach a class about St. Michael. The vote was tabled for more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Lunch Update: Kathie said they fed 120 students at the school lunch on January 24th. She said it went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Parish Kitchen Update: Millie said that, after talking to the woman doing the inspection, it was decided that we do not have to add a sink for hand washing. We are preparing to do kitchen training.

Opening Date and Update on Disciple Maker Index Survey: The survey will start on February 3rd. Millie will ask Fr. Sergio if he will make an announcement at masses. She will also ask if Michael Deane would add it to the list of petitions read at mass. The school will provide four Chrome Books for people to use in the Parish Center to fill out the survey. We are putting an agenda item on how to encourage school parents to attend mass.

Expansion of Hospitality on Sundays: Millie mentioned an idea to have one mass designated as Hospitality. Fr. Mark said he doesn't like the idea of only one mass. The hospitality would be only

coffee or milk and a donut. Millie said the council members should check with their committees to see what they thought.

Fall Festival Discussion on Date and Theme: We are looking at the last weekend in September, the 26th or 27th. Kurt said we have to decide if we want to have it on Saturday or Sunday. We need to get moving and find a chairman for the committee. We also discussed asking the school committees to work with us. Millie suggested having a joint meeting between Council and Home and School. Dave suggested a wine and cheese social. Sandra asked to talk to Terry about which date would be best for the joint meeting. Kurt said we also need to decide on a theme.

Irish Fest Date, Arise, Driehaus, Budgeted? Marianne is trying to find someone that can do the food for Irish Fest. It will not be held in March, but possibly this summer. The Mission Trip is to San Diego, California. Arise has been moved to next year. The Driehaus estate has asked us to apply so we sent in a letter. We may do it in September. There was discussion about raising the price.

Lucky Ticket Raffle: Robin volunteered to chair the raffle. It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at Celebration on Wells. They are charging us \$10.00 per person.

COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

Stewardship: Terrie reported that the movie Unplanned was shown by the Pastoral Council and Stewardship held the Volunteer Appreciation Day. They had displays in the Parish Center after mass and the committees were able to answer questions.

Faith Formation: Marianne reported they had the Confirmation Retreat combined with students from St. Ben's.

Finance: Gene said he sent out an e-mail asking committees to begin to assemble a budget for the upcoming year. Kurt said they are also looking at the health insurance for the teachers. It is very expensive.

Human Concerns: Kathie said they are organizing the collections for Lent as we did last year. Each week parishioners will donate something different.

Hispanic Liaison: Sandra said the Hispanics are asking Michael if they can add a Friday for Soup Supper. They are also talking about asking if they can do adoration every second Saturday during Lent. They want Sandra to ask Terry Maus if they can use the gym. They want to do some type of gathering with a speaker. Sandra will talk to Terry. School Choice will be the week of March 8th. They also want to know what we think of putting an invitation in the bulletin to participate in the Live Passion they way they do it.

School Liaison: Dave said they are working on a mission statement and forming an Accreditation Committee.

Security: Dan Derrick and Dave led a meeting in the Parish Center on January 13th. They talked about many things. There is a proposal to tie the whole campus together with cameras, including in the church.

Parking Lot Gates: They will not be delivered until April.

Church Security Training: Dave asked about having committee members sign a confidentiality agreement. It was decided that the Safety and Finance Committee members should sign it.

Rectory Committee: Kathie said they have chosen June 28th for the Rectory Lawn Party. It will just be a fun time. We should hold off to announce it due to all the other dates on the calendar.

Kurt asked to have information on what the Parish Leadership Team is doing. Fr. Mark said the team will be abolished because it is made up of staff from both parishes.

Kathie made a motion to adjourn. Marsha seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary