

ST FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
August 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Ray Guthrie, Kurt Kayser, Sandra Cruz, Kathleen Murray, David Bergsma, Terrie Mess, Lois Maywald, Mary Huml, Denise Kottke-Christensen, Sue Thometz and Marianne Weber. In addition Vince Lazzaroni and Gene Bulla present remotely via phone.

Motion was made by Kathie to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting, Sandra seconded. Minutes approved.

Kurt thanked Lois for her many years of serving the council as recorder and secretary. Thank you card from the group presented to Lois.

Sandra reported that the minutes from June's meeting had an error. Denise is a 5th grade teacher not a 6th grade teacher. Otherwise the motion was made by Terrie to approve both of June's meeting minutes (with the above correction). Seconded by Sandra. Minutes approved with correction.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Ray reported that he has been meeting with staff for over 2 months. He reminded the group that as pastoral council we are advisors to the pastor but decision making and leadership is the pastor's role. Father has moved the pastor's office to the breezeway between the school and the church. In order to meet with Father we should contact Judy. For our church to grow there needs to be organization and that starts with the pastor's leadership.

Father reported that Father Jeff will be doing confessions for the Spanish speaking community.

Father reminded us of his great love of our community and that he is excited to be here. Father read a passage from St. Paul to the Ephesians where St Paul speaks on the importance of keeping Jesus at the center of our actions and directions so as to avoid the struggles of power and that apart from Jesus we are vulnerable to the world.

Father reminded us that he will welcome our advice as long as it is always for the good of the whole.

Meetings should always be limited to an hour.

First priorities are the school opening and bringing communion to those who are unable to be present at mass. A group of 15-20 Eucharistic Ministers will be bringing communion.

Father is working with Nick and Martha to get communication to our faith community via Father's newsletters.

Father Ray reported that his first weekend mass was received very well because he focused his message to those at home.

The progress on work in the school has been great over the past 3 weeks and the school is looking very good.

Father stated that at this first meeting we would not be following the agenda but instead it was more of a get to know each other time. Kathie did bring up that Human Concerns would like to know whether they could have a second collection. Father said we are not at that point and instead we need to focus on the great need in our own community since many people are under significant financial strain.

Marianne asked for information on Father's plans for youth ministry. He said he has had great success in connecting with young people through his experience in teaching and coaching and will be available to come and talk to the groups.

Father Ray concluded the meeting at 8pm.

