

## **Pastoral Council Meeting September 8, 2021**

**Present:** Fr. Paul Sullivan, SJ, Dermott Bostock, Karen Welch, Jim McCarthy, Estelle Lavoie, Kathy Eliscu, Mary Cafazzo, Peter Rickett, Scott Dalton, Bill Burke, Fr. Brian Conley, SJ, Bill Slavick

All Members introduced themselves to Fr. Brian Conley & Fr. Brian gave a short summary of what he had been doing prior to coming here.

1) Meeting began with **Prayer/Reading** from Is 50:5-9a. This reading was submitted by Fr. Paul prior to the meeting so that members would have a chance to read it and reflect on the reading prior to the meeting. Scott Dalton read the Reading at the meeting and all members shared their thoughts on the reading.

2) **Minutes** from last meeting were accepted.

3) **Review of the first draft of the Council planning document.** Dermott reviewed the draft for the members. Fr. Paul stated that Bishop Deeley has a copy of the Fees for the proposed contract with the Architectural Consultant – Troy who is with McPherson, Simmons Bros. & Sons Architectural Design. The total for the fees was around \$54,000. [\$27,900 for Phase 1; \$24,500 for Phase 2]

There was a discussion about the contents of the draft letter by all members of the council. It was suggested that the school needs to be included in this project. Following the discussion, all members voted & agreed that this letter is OK. Will send to the Financial Committee with the Pastoral Council names on it. Any feedback from the parish will be directed thru OLOH email address.

4) **Parish Life Coordinator Position** – We have 2 well qualified candidates. Fr. Paul & Mary are waiting for responses from the candidates after a follow up call to each candidate with additional information given to the candidates.

5) **Parish Birthday Celebration** – Has been postponed due to the spread of Covid 19.

6) **Parish Ministry Convocation** – Meeting date for the Parish Ministry Convocation will be September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-4:30PM following with Mass. We need 1 or 2 Council Members to give an update to the ministries as to the process that has been done and where we are now with the planning process. Scott Dalton & Dermott will do this.

Ministries will be updated on the planning process & asked to review their goals in terms of the parish ministry goals. Karen will organize the hospitality portion of this meeting. (Would include drinks, munchies, cookies, fruit were some of the suggestions). Not knowing where Covid will stand at the time of the meeting in September, we will make plans to do this meeting in person or postpone if needed.

7) **Social Justice & Peace** – Bill Slavick sent out a letter to all the Council Members that he had submitted to the Social Justice & Peace Committee for their preview before tonight's Council Meeting. Bill gave some of his thoughts on this email at the Council Meeting. Questioned whether any of the Council Members had any questions of Bill regarding the letter. Fr. Paul thought Bill had good ideas & asked "who are the we's" that will do these changes. The Social Justice & Peace Committee is the proper group to study these issues & select ways for the parish to respond. Per Bill, this report to the Council was informational & educational only, not a request for the Council members to do the work. Bill will address all the issues at the next SJ&P meeting. It is the SJ&P ministry group's responsibility to decide which projects they will do. Once the SJ&P group has met, reviewed and decided what they will do, Bill will report back to the Council Members.

**8) Other items:** It was noted that the Fr. Hayes Ctr. is used Monday-Friday & Saturdays during the days & some evenings. This also means that we will not be able to move Masses to the Fr. Hayes Center this winter.

Scott walked thru St. Joseph's church for his own personal review. Scott will send his thoughts of his walk-thru to all the Council Members in the next few days.

**Next Meeting – October 13, 2021**

**Closing Prayer** by Fr. Brian Conley, SJ

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McCormack, Parish Administrative Assistant