

**St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes**

January 23, 2018

Attendees:

<i>Ray Traube</i>	<i>William Countess</i>	<i>Herman Bush</i>
<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>Iris Hernandez</i>	<i>Eleanor Fisher</i>
<i>Alice Long</i>	<i>Nikki Gorski</i>	<i>William Bankert</i>
<i>Patrick Perkins</i>	<i>Martine Uveges</i>	<i>Deacon Jim Sullivan</i>
<i>Fr. Jack Ward</i>	<i>Fr. Jaime Garcia</i>	<i>April Holdun</i>
<i>Larry Shannahan</i>		

The Meeting Came to Order at: 6:58pm

Opening Prayer: April Holdun

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved (Motion: Larry, Second: Bill)

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Connections: Larry Shannahan reported: Evangelization: upcoming events: Marti Gras; 30 families registered. Flyer is in the bulletins. Will have 2 raffle baskets. Money will go to Outreach. Date: 2/10/2018. See flyer for the bulletins. Barbie has the masks; Fr. Jack will purchase the beads. Will put a TV where the people gather on the 2nd floor of the education building. Consider putting together a table in the Knight's Hall for parents to congregate during faith formation. Looking into other options. Brochure finalized by Diane Lewis for the Abingdon and Belcamp zip codes. Will have a tri-fold piece. New member reception last quarter was a failure as it was the quarter before. Evangelization committee thinks it may be due to location in the rectory. Want to recruit the baptism families to join us.

KofC attended March for Life. Currently have 7 marchers from SFdS. 22 marchers all together with St. Margaret's. This year may be our chance to change this law. Well attended overall. President spoke as well.

Pancake breakfast: 2/4 (1st sun Feb.). Want parish council to attend.

Super Bowl chowder. \$10 per quart.

Bingo 2/9. Financials from Bingo: see report. Forecast for upcoming bingo is down significantly to \$345. Reasons: last chart shows significant drop in bingo attendance. Due to a lack of participation. Sign for Bingo is in desperate shape. Bingo at PoP is also down significantly. May be due to the new casinos in action. However we do have a core group who attends faithfully. Over 60 and you're making pure profit.

Could promote bingo using social media.

Faith Formation: Nikki Gorski reported: Elem did giving tree before Xmas: 60 mittens, 60 gloves, etc. (see attached) See report. Tree will remain in the hall. Now called "Random act of kindness" tree. Kids will perform the act, then post on the tree. MS resumed but lost a couple of nights due to weather. New classes started for yrs. 1 and 2. Offering a spring class of science vs. religion. Danny will

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be teaching. Conference date 4/7/18. 11 am mass, youth ensemble playing 2/17: retreat. PS open house 2/24 for 18-19 enrolls. Touch a truck 4/28 Looking for businesses who wants to be a part of the event. Enormous event.

Latino Community: Iris Hernandez reported: Fr. Jaime: retreats for each season. But for lent diocese host event for whole archdiocese 3/17 for Latino Comm.

Liturgy: Herman Bush reported: Fr. Jaime: Training for alter servers. Will be revising the duties of the AS. Working with music: organize Xmas around SFdS. Will do again this year. Asked LS to talk to scheduling the KofC C for the list of dates the KofC will be involved. Also asking faith form and confirmation to send dates also so liturgy can prepare for various functions. Asking for any dates to report for any event to liturgy. 2/5 is the deadline. (Memorial mass, retreats, installation of KofC officers, etc.). Mid Feb will be the next KofC meeting. Fr. Jaime will work with the information as soon as the dates are selected. Looking for synergy with Prince of Peace.

Parish picnic: 8/26. In 2 weeks the Hispanic community will meet to discuss the picnic. Will report to the March council meeting. Flying Point Park. Danny is coordinating all of the details to get permission to use the park. The water is accessible so kids must be watched carefully. Danny will report back in March. Asking Knights to provide the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Spanish mass attendance is growing each week. We are being blessed with another Deacon who is willing to be a Spanish deacon here. Carlos Morales. Already started. Back in PR this week to sell his house. Retired here in Edgewood. Having a "Deacon in Training" who will be ordained next year. Giving him the opportunity practice in giving sermons in masses Rob McCord. Should be around for ash Wed. Will be introduced to the congregation in a couple of weeks.

Liturgy committee is meeting 2/6.

Parish Life: Open Position

Service: Bill Countess reported: See report.

Stewardship: Ray Traube reported – See attached

Youth Ministry: Eleanor Fisher reported. Retreat 2/9-11 for HS and MS kids. Will do confessions on the 2nd night. Looking for new fundraising ideas.

Pastor report: Continue to pray for vocations. Deacon Jim reported that our financial position is getting better. 2/12 – tri parish meeting. Will discuss adjustments to mass schedules. Each parish will have to give up one mass. Looking not to change the Saturday masses. Will give the parishioners the

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option to decide the mass schedule. Will be decided for them by the pastors should they not come to a consensus. Need to plan for the future of the parishes. If we don't come up with the schedules the Archdiocese will come up with the schedule. Seeing more young people becoming interested in becoming a priest or a deacon. We need more support from the families to consider supporting their children to become a priest or deacon.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: new council starts in March. Nominating Committee:

GOOD OF THE COUNCIL: *from the suggestion box:* why don't we announce the "bi-lingual" masses at the end of the service. We'll leave it at that.

Need to review announcements for consistency. Announcements need to be given to Deacon Jim 2 weeks in advance.

CLOSING PRAYER: April Holdun (Herman Bush)

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "April Holdun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

April Holdun, Secretary