

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020

Attendees:

Jim Wilson	X	Herman Bush	Kathy Batdorf	Madison Buddenbohn	
Liz Gonzalez	X	Nikki Gorski	Oscar Molina	X Gloria Morales	
Patrick Perkins	X	Sally Raphel	X Isabel Sans	Cynthia Santiago	X
Gabriele Segletes	X	Diane Traube	X Dan Zankowitz	Deacon Chuck Hoppe	X
Deacon Jim Sullivan		Fr. Jack Ward	X Fr. Jaime Garcia	X Martine Uveges	X

The Meeting came to order at: 7:00pm

Opening Prayer: Jim W led everyone in the Pastoral Council Prayer

Approval of Minutes: Patrick motioned to approve the January minutes; Sally seconded; all approved.

Jim W welcomed two of the three new members of the Pastoral Council: Gabriele “Gabi” Segletes and Oscar Molina. At Jim’s invitation, the new members and all those in attendance shared a little about themselves with everyone.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ministry Fair: Diane shared that she got feedback from Sally, Patty, and John, and most ministries had several new members sign up. Diane will follow up to see whether Kathy and/or Dan contacted any of the several people who signed up with professional services to offer. A benefit of the Ministry Fair was that a template was developed and filled in with information describing each Ministry which can be posted on the parish website. Fr. Jack liked the suggestion that helping with some Ministries could be activities for those in Confirmation preparation. The subcommittee wondered whether there should be an annual Ministry Fair, which most parishes do, or whether spot lighting a Ministry each month might be better. Each month, except during the summer, there could be a Ministry Minute before weekend Masses along with a membership drive that could be coupled with the donut social usually held the first Sunday of the month.

Gabi related that years ago she would call new parishioners after the monthly welcome breakfast held at the rectory asking if they were interested in any of the activities of the Ministries. The welcome breakfast has not been as well received in recent years; this may not be the best avenue for engaging people in Ministry activities.

Jim W asked how to keep efforts going with Ministry involvement. Diane said it needs a coordinator with commitment and coordination. Oscar said it needs communication, follow up, and organization. Oscar learned about the parish from joining the Knights of Columbus, though he thought parish communications could be improved. Patrick said Oscar’s newness to the parish allows him to bring a fresh perspective.

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Jim W shared that the *Connections Ministry* is to help people connect in the various Ministries. He wondered how to get a leader for Connections - someone who likes to build teams and work with people. Diane suggested this could be advertised in the bulletin. After Sally asked, Jim W said he could put together a list of bullet points of what's needed. Diane suggested the Connections person could take over the Ministry Fair or monthly Ministry focus; Jim said this would be ideal. Fr. Jack said we should do a yearly Ministry Fair. Jim W asked that the current subcommittee coordinate this again, and Gabi could help. Fr. Jaime asked that the Ministries be creative with their focus on Donut Sundays, such as the creativity of the Vacation Bible School, which attracts the involvement of many each summer.

Pastoral Council Retreat: Jim W distributed and walked through the agenda for the retreat to be held on Saturday, March 28th. After the spiritual retreat in the morning and lunch, the review of the 5 Year Plan should focus and involve a dialog on specific goals for each Ministry area. These will be fine-tuned in April and then published on the web site and shared with people, so everyone knows what our parish does. The office staff have been invited, though Fr. Jack should encourage and highly recommend that they attend the retreat as well. Martine will send an email to everyone on the Pastoral Council asking who will attend to get a final count for food and materials to Patrick, who will be leading the retreat.

Pastoral Council Elections: Jim W reminded everyone that elections for council chair, vice-chair, and secretary will take place at the April 28th meeting. All were encouraged to prayerfully think about who should be nominated for these positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advertising: Fr. Jaime said he recently went to a movie in Fallston and saw Masses posted in an inviting way. He said he would call and find out the cost and how to do this for our parish Masses.

Development Committee: Jim W let everyone know that \$111,000 has been raised toward the \$130,000 goal. In the past week a matching gift up to \$10,000 with no deadline has been received, which could close out this phase of the fund raising. Fr. Jack and Deacon Jim said a low key approach should be taken at first. Jim W asked council members to prayerfully consider making a donation at this time. Patrick noted that if every one of the ~900 people who attend Sunday Masses would give \$10, that would meet the \$10,000 donation for the match.

Donut Sunday: Cynthia reminded everyone that this Sunday, March 1st, is Donut Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ladies, who are also hosting a baby shower for Birthright. She asked council members to attend and wear their name tags.

St. Patrick's Day Dance: Cynthia announced that there is a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 14th.

Meeting Adjourned by Jim W at 8:09pm

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Jack led everyone in praying the Glory Be, and gave everyone his blessing.

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Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary