

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

Attendees:

Jim Wilson	X	Kathy Batdorf	X	Maddie Frick	X	Liz Gonzalez	X
Nikki Gorski	X	Oscar Molina		Gloria Morales	X	Patrick Perkins	X
Sally Raphael		Isabel Sans	X	Cynthia Santiago	X	Gabriele Segletes	
Diane Traube	X	Dan Zankowitz		Deacon Chuck Hoppe	X	Deacon Carlos Morales	X
Deacon Jim Sullivan	X	Fr. Jaime Garcia	X	Martine Uveges	X		

The Meeting came to order at: 7:06pm

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

New Member: Jim W welcomed the new Youth Representative, Madison (Maddie) Frick.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy motioned to approve the November minutes; Patrick seconded; all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Feast of St Francis de Sales: Since the feast day is on Sunday, January 24, a celebration is easier.

- Patrick presented several ideas to celebrate the feast day.
 - o *Banners and decorations* can enhance the Liturgies.
 - o The *Reflection* can be on St Francis de Sales.
 - o *Deacon Jim's Notes* in the bulletin can be a reflection on St Francis de Sales.
 - o A separate page with *St Francis de Sales' biography and sayings* could be prepared for the bulletin, so people can read and print it.
 - o Post *two videos* the week before – one of St Frances de Sales information, and one of a tour of the Parish of St Francis de Sales, starting in the chapel and moving around to more buildings. Patrick and the Liturgy Committee can coordinate.
 - o Those in *Faith Formation and RCIA* can give biographies of St Frances de Sales.
- Deacon Carlos offered to write a reflection on St Francis de Sales in Spanish.
- Nikki will pass on this information to Diane Lewis for Faith Formation participation.

5-Year Plan: Martine thanked everyone who provided reformulated objectives for their ministry areas for the coming year. Nikki will provide her objectives to Martine soon. Jim W and Martine will review and collate the objectives for all the ministry areas and distribute the full list for review by the Pastoral Council at the February 2nd meeting.

Pastoral Council / Staff / Clergy Retreat: Jim W reminded everyone that normally there is an annual retreat in March. This past year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was postponed to the Fall and subsequently canceled. As the pandemic restrictions continue, Jim W suggested the retreat be postponed to the Fall and opened it up to the Council for discussion.

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Fr. Jaime likes having the retreat, as the idea is for people to get together. Unfortunately, people may not feel comfortable gathering, and Fr. Jaime does not want anyone to feel pressured. Per the diocese, such a gathering is not yet permitted. A prolonged Zoom meeting for the retreat would not be good. The retreat should not be in the Spring, though maybe it could be held in the Summer.

Nikki agrees that we may not be able to plan for large gatherings for the rest of the year. She suggested that maybe some small meetings with 2-3 people on Zoom could share what each other does for cross-training purposes and to lay some ground work for a retreat in the future.

Fr. Jaime agrees with this idea, though the staff would think this is just one more thing to do in their already busy day. He suggested perhaps these small meetings could be among Council members.

Jim W offered to pull together some bullet points, review them with Martine, and send them out for consideration by others on the Council. People are doing things, though often in isolation. Maybe the Finance / Development Committee could meet with those in Faith Formation and Outreach to learn of each other's efforts and objectives. Nikki agreed that the goal would be to get key Ministry members connected.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointed Pastoral Council Members: Jim W noted that there are two positions on the Council that are effectively unfilled. Herman Bush is a wonderful person, though he is challenged with technology and does not have a computer, email, or text capability. With the pandemic restrictions, Herman elected to resign. Dan Zankowitz has been unable to attend Council meetings this past year. Without going into details, Jim W explained that there are three types of Council positions: Selected, Elected, and Appointed; and these two open positions are Appointed. Appointed positions can be filled simply by Fr. Jaime identifying people and appointing them to the positions. Fr. Jaime would like suggestions from the Council. Jim W asked the Council to make suggestions of who they think may be good additions to the Council for Fr. Jaime to appoint.

Status of Preschool: Nikki was curious about the status of Preschool. Fr. Jaime asked Laura for Preschool to be open for January, as it sends the wrong message to stay closed. Unfortunately, most parents pulled their children out due to COVID concerns, and they can leave their children with other family members. Fr. Jaime decided to postpone the opening of Preschool to early February with however many students do enroll. Laura has prepared the classrooms, and some teachers can be brought back from furlough. Before Christmas, fumigation was performed for the main church, the chapel, Kilduff Hall, and the Education building. The school can break even if only half the students enroll.

Update from Clergy Meeting: Fr. Jaime shared information from the Clergy Meeting held on Jan 4, 2021:

- *Ash Wednesday Liturgical Services, February 17, 2021*

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- Ash Wednesday Masses at Prince of Peace: 12 noon, 7pm
- Ash Wednesday Masses at St Francis de Sales: 9a, 6p, 7:30p (Spanish)
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays
- *Parish Staff Feedback*
 - All Christmas Liturgies and events went well
 - Notifications were good
 - Events need to be spaced out more. This will be discussed further with the Liturgy Committee.
- *Fr. Juan is leaving on January 24, 2021.* His help was appreciated during the Christmas season.

Meeting Adjourned by Jim W at 7:45pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary