

## Pastoral Council Minutes – May 8, 2019

### Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Vice-chair, Dave Topp, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Lisa Kovaleski led the opening prayer.

**Present:** Dcn. Sandy Sites, David Topp, Joe Gonzalez, Terry Brecklin, Matt Hoffa, John Walker, Tim Khoury, Lisa Kovaleski

**Excused:** Pat Buehler, Ray Gross, Matthew Lehner, Jill Lehnen

**Approval of Minutes:** The April minutes were approved prior to the meeting via the email approval process.

### Chair Report – Dave Topp

- **St. James Patronal Feast.** The council discussed the pros and cons of holding the mass outdoors compared to moving the mass inside.
  - Two-thirds favored the indoor location for a variety of reasons including unpredictable weather, logistics involved in setting up for the mass, accessibility to the grassy area for older or disabled parishioners, and road noise. The group was open to revisiting the decision in the future, depending on staffing and resources.
  - The picnic will continue to be held outdoors.
  - We will review talking points about the change in location for the mass at the June meeting.
  - We discussed the importance of maintaining our presence in the community despite moving the mass indoors. Some wondered what might be done to make the music and liturgy unique for this mass.
- **Monthly Pre-Mass Presentations.** Pastoral Council will deliver the pre-mass presentation on June 1 and 2, with a focus on our annual recruitment of new Pastoral Council members.
  - Terry Brecklin will speak at 4:30 PM and Dave Topp at 9:00 AM. Members in attendance are asked to stand at the altar with Terry or Dave during the presentation.
  - The recruitment announcement for new Pastoral Council members will run in the bulletin beginning the weekend of May 11-12.
  - Members are encouraged to extend a personal invitation to parishioners who may have an interest in joining the council.
- **Summer Meeting Schedule.** The Pastoral Council will not meet during July and August.
- **Stewardship and Discipleship.** Members of some committees have asked for more direction and a concrete definition of the terms and what they mean for St. James. We may wish to extend an invitation to Gerry Wolf to discuss Stewardship and Discipleship at an All Committee Night in the future.

### Finance Council Update - John Walker

- The Legacy Fund was launched the weekend of May 4-5. Finance Council did pre-mass presentations on Sunday, May 5 and will repeat the presentation on Saturday, May 11.

## **Parish Director's Report – Deacon Sandy Sites**

- **Deacon Mike Update.** Deacon Mike fell and broke his arm. More updates will be forth coming and we are asked to hold off on emails, calls or visits for now. The Knights of Columbus is preparing a giant “We Love You Mike” card for all staff and parishioners to sign.
- **Lent/Triduum/Easter Feedback**
  - Please email affirmations and/or suggestions to Deacon Sandy and Barb.
- **Village of Lannon Celebration**
  - At the June meeting, Kurt Roskopf will inform the council about the Village of Lannon 90th Anniversary Celebration.
- **AV in Church**
  - We received an additional donation to be used toward the purchase of monitors/screens in the worship space. This would also include an audio loop for the hearing impaired. The donation, coupled with a previous donation, brings the parish closer to the goal of installing the technology.

## **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

- Deacon Sandy led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 pm.

## **Reminder**

Opening Prayer Schedule: June – Brecklin

June Meeting Location: Joe Gonzalez

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journeying towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God  
through worship, formation and service.*