

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes – June 12, 2019

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Chair, Pat Buehler, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Terry Brecklin led the opening prayer.

Present: Dcn. Sandy Sites, Pat Buehler, David Topp, Joe Gonzalez, Terry Brecklin, Matt Hoffa, Tim Khoury, Lisa Kovalski, Matthew Lehner, Jill Lehn

Excused: John Walker, Ray Gross,

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

Guest Presentation – Kurt Roskopf

- Kurt spoke about his vision for the Abilities Ministry and time-banking, a concept that would match those able to provide specific assistance with those who need such assistance. He asked for the council's endorsement of his idea. In response, the council asked for detailed information about how the plan would be implemented. Kurt will return with a detailed implementation plan in October.

Finance Council Update – Joe Gonzalez

- A balanced budget has been approved and will be submitted to the archdiocese by the end of the month. The council will receive an abridged copy before it is published.
- The Finance Council is analyzing critical systems to determine a plan for updating the systems. Finance will meet about this topic during the summer.
- The Thrift Sales revenues surpassed last year's total. Final numbers will be announced in the near future.

Parish Director's Report – Deacon Sandy Sites

- **Deacon Mike's Funeral Service** – Visitation from 9-12; Mass at noon followed by inurnment in the St. James Cemetery. Reception to follow. Arrive early for the mass as many will be attending the service, including the Archbishop, Bishop Skilba, priests and deacons, and pastors from CCOS.
- **Wedding Update** – There has been an "exponential" increase in weddings with six scheduled for the month of June. More couples are scheduling weddings on days other than Saturday due to costs of a reception on that day.
- **Deanery Resolution** – A topic at the last Deanery meeting was a resolution to allow a Catholic Wedding to be held in a location other than a church. A decision will be made by January 1.
- **Commissioning Masses** - Commissioning for both councils will be held at all masses in September, date TBA.
- **Trustee Opening** - No nominations to date.

Pastoral Council Nominations Update – Terry Brecklin

- Dave Topp announced his resignation from the council. Thank you for your dedicated service as vice-chair, Dave. You will be missed by all.

- As of June 12, we have two official openings and are waiting to hear if one member will return for a second term. Six parishioners have nominated themselves for the council. We will schedule a formal discernment meeting with all six candidates this summer. Date TBA.

Review of the Year and Goal Setting – Pat Buehler

- We discussed the council's work over the past year. We will hold a summer meeting to discuss goals for 2019-20. Date TBA.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- Terry Brecklin led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22 pm.

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