

APRIL 2019 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Lawton Blandford, Clare Charzewski, Michelle Curnow, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, Scott Phillips, Juan Saiz, and Colleen Sutton.

Members Absent: Theresa Eze and Keith McGuinness

1. Opening Prayer – Matt Gibbons

2. Minutes – Colleen

Colleen read February's 2018 minutes. Changes and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved and accepted.

3. Pastoral Council Candidates – All

Father Frank presented 9 potential applicants names and completed questionnaires for our review and discussion. It was decided, based on so many wonderful candidates and their qualifications that instead of filling just the 4 open positions, that 1 additional candidate would be added to the council. A motion was made, approved and carried for this additional candidate position. The following candidates will receive letters from Father Frank, notifying them of their election to the Pastoral Council. They will also be invited to attend our next scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 30th.

Julie Andrews
Robbie Dills
Robbie Doran
Maggie Helton
John Russell

4. Goals of the parish for the next 3-5 years follow up – All

Father Frank presented the Pastoral Council Goal Building Plans for 2019 to the Parish Staff for review and discussion. The following is their feedback on what can be classified as Immediate vs. Three to Five years.

IMMEDIATE:

1. New pastor.
2. Continued growth of parish and strategies to manage it.
3. Staying true to our mission.
4. Stewardship, charity and our internal growth.

THREE TO FIVE YEARS: (NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER):

1. Current church crisis.
2. Paying off the mortgage.
3. Growth and nurture of the Latino Community.
4. Multi-cultural involvement on all levels.
5. Growing our Faith Formation Programs (esp. Adult Programs).
6. Discipleship and Evangelization.
7. Strategy for social media usage.
8. Internship relationship with BAC.
9. Cultivation of our parish ministries.

5. Disruptions in Mass discussion - All

There is an opportunity to improve on the various communication options presented to parents, with little ones that may cause disruption during Mass. It has been discussed to add laminated information cards in the pews. These cards would list the various options the parent has, such as; Kids Zone (under 3 years of age), Children's Liturgy, 3-6 years of age and with the new church a seating area behind glass walls at the back of the church.

6. Construction Update – Father Frank

Construction is moving ahead as scheduled. Rain has been the leading cause of any delays. We are still on target to have the construction completed by December 30th, 2019.

7. Various Parish News - Father Frank

1. We saw a decrease to our RCIA candidates this year. We only had 11 new people received into the church: 6 Children and 5 Adults.
2. This year, also show as a decrease in our Confirmation and First Communion candidates compared to prior years.
3. Lately, we have seen a 5% growth in our weekly collections.
4. We, as a parish, are faring a little better with our DSA pledges. We currently show a 1.6% increase in pledges.
5. Our Charity Outreach ministries are growing. The possibility of a full-time staff position being created to help organize and communicate on a more one on one in-depth basis with the various organizations in our surround area. This would be a key to us as a parish, as it would allow to receive more details about a charity and their specific needs.
6. Also, there are other positions being placed under consideration to help with our parish growth. They are as follows:
 - a. Faith Formation
 - b. Building Maintenance
 - c. Coordinator of Volunteers

8. Scheduled Grizzlies Event/Fundraiser – Scott Phillips

Ticket sales will start going on sale the last weekend of May. Still looking to have either the team manager, a coach or one of the ball players to visit the parish as a promotion to purchase tickets and support this fundraiser.

9. Closing Prayer – Jerry Gardner