

St. Mary Parish, Milton

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Present: Barry Brandt, Marci Brandt, Val Crofts, Vicki Kersten, Angie McNally, Kathryn Owen, Don Roberts, Lori Schrank, Fr. Dave Timmerman, Mark Warren
Excused: Ed Butler, Lou Pins, Mary Kay Sitter

I. Prayer

The meeting opened at 6:15 p.m. with prayer led by Val.

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were approved as printed.

III. Council / Commission Reports:

- a. Finance:** To date we have received just over \$14K in rebates from the Priests For Our Future campaign. We have \$50K in outstanding pledges and as these are paid we will continue to receive rebates. Overall, we are financially healthy. In April our year to date net was over \$81K, compared to our budgeted net of \$44K, primarily due to keeping expenditures way down. The Offertory Comparison table shows that we are running behind by -\$6893.
- b. Liturgy:** The new route for communion seems to be working well. There was an issue regarding seating for disabled, but it has been resolved.
- c. Buildings & Grounds:** At their last meeting, the annual building walk-around was accomplished to determine new projects to complete this summer. Because of the major renovations needed and to be determined by another committee, only smaller projects were identified.
- d. Education:** The guest speaker for youth ministry in March was excellent.
- e. Outreach:** Just completed our week of volunteering at the GIFTS Shelter. Overall, it went well, but still having a difficult time getting overnight volunteers. An unexpected amount of donated food was brought to the Shelter by outside sources, which was problematic since we had a set menu, causing an overabundance of food that goes to waste.
- f. Pastoral Care:** The Advent Bereavement Service and Social was well attended again this year and went very well. The next Pastoral Care meeting is in September.
- g. Capital Improvement Committee:** This Committee met for the first time on April 30. The members were given a tour of our building complex. An additional estimate for mold remediation and from a local architecture firm will be sought. Discussion within the Pastoral Council included making sure that as each step is taken the congregation is completely informed.

IV. Discussion:

- a. **FY2020 Budget Update:** The Finance Council is still working on the budget but it should be ready to present to the Pastoral Council in June. It is hoped to be approved by the beginning of our fiscal year which begins on July 1.

V. New Business:

- a. **Prayer Service for Upcoming Council Elections:** In the past Fr. Dave has held a prayer service for all nominees to explain responsibilities of each position and answer questions in an informal, prayerful atmosphere. Because Fr. Dave may not be available, the current Pastoral Council has agreed to take the lead. The Prayer Service will be held in church on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:15 p.m. Elections will be held on June 22/23. Nominees will receive an invitation letter.
- b. **New Mass Times:** In an effort to ease Fr. Dave's travel time between churches, mass times at St. Mary and St. Joseph will be changed. St. Joseph Saturday evening will move to 6:00 p.m. and St. Mary Sunday morning will move to 8:30 a.m.

VI. Task Assignments for Next Meeting on June 18, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Chair: Kathryn Owens
Prayer: Mark Warren

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.