

ST. MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 28, 2015

PRESENT: Monsignor: Gene Lindemann, Father Robert Shea, Deacon: Terry Glatt, Resources Manager: Steve Braus, Mike Wolf, Shawn Morlock, Dick Heidt, John Grasl, Leo Voigt, Margaret Elkin, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford

ABSENT: Kurt Snyder and Stefanie Fix

Minutes from March meeting were approved without corrections.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

+ Mgr. Gene updated the council on Light of Christ news. There has not been any new progress on the land acquisition. He stated that there has been the most activity in the development area. The search for a new director will begin this week. The O'Meara Ferguson company will be assisting in this search as well as the Capital Campaign since Gwen Beckler is no longer involved.

+ Msg. Gene informed the council that LaMere will be undergoing a \$51,000 renovation this summer. When the work is completed we will be able to take on more students. This project will be totally funded by the Light of Christ. St. Mary's Corporate Board was required to make a resolution and the Finance Council agreed. The school will be installing new carpet and new cabinets throughout the building. Everything will be removed from the classrooms until the installations are complete. This project is being funded by St. Mary's Grade School PTO, Script proceeds and Light of Christ. Steve Braus added that new cabinets will also be installed in the multipurpose room. Some of the cabinets will be used for library materials. The art cabinets will be removed to make room for band materials. The book stacks for the library will go in the instrument storage room. The school is also working with the parish to make room for Faith Formation materials.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

+ In regards to updating the PPC Constitution, Mike Wolf suggested we vote to accept or oppose as we review each highlighted revision.

Article IV: Membership - Section 3 was revised to read:

Each voting member, other than the chairperson, shall serve as a portfolio holder/ liaison to one of the leadership/service groups, committees, or councils organized under the Four Pillars of Stewardship.

John Grasl made the motion to accept this revision and Terry Glatt seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Article VII: Duties of Officers - Section 2 - 2nd sentence was revised to read:

In consultation with the other members of the Council and with the pastor, he/she shall appoint Council members to hold portfolios with leadership/service groups, offering assistance to portfolio holders as needed.

Terry made the motion to accept this revision and John seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Article VIII: Committees, Boards, Councils, Service Organizations

- Section 1 was revised to read:

(a) Council members shall serve as liaison /Portfolio holders with existing parish leadership/service groups or councils that are organized under the Four Pillars of

Stewardship:

1. Hospitality
2. Prayer
3. Formation
4. Service

(b) The Council Chairperson shall appoint two members of the Council, excluding the Pastor and Associate Pastor, to serve as portfolio holders for each of the Four Pillars.

(c) The Council Chairperson will not be assigned to a specific portfolio, but will oversee all four pillars and offer assistance to portfolio holders as needed.

(d) Portfolio holders in the same Pillar area should not have terms ending in the same year in order to maintain continuity of Pillar leadership.

(e) New Council members shall replace the portfolio position of the member leaving the Council.

Dick Heidt made the motion to accept this revision and John seconded the motion. All present agreed.

- Section 5 was revised by dropping the last sentence.

Dick made the motion to accept this revision and John seconded the motion. All present agreed.

- Section 6 will still need to be revised since St. Mary's Grade School is now part of the Light of Christ System.

Steve wondered if a description of the relationship between Light of Christ and the St. Mary's Pastoral Council should be included in the Constitution.

Msgr. Gene suggested we table this until later.

Tom Hesford brought up the policy on guns in the Church and Leo Voigt wondered if it should be in the constitution. Steve suggested that the diocese would need to be involved. Mike suggested that Msgr. Gene should be present for this discussion.

(Msgr. Gene left the PPC meeting early.)

Mike motioned that we postpone this discussion until next meeting. Carolyn Hesford seconded the motion and all present agreed.

DECISION ITEMS

+ Margaret Elkin presented the 2015-2016 Budget Proposal from the Finance Council. She called attention to the small plus in the balance even though Light of Christ did not contribute as much as they had hoped. Steve pointed out that the increase in wages was to allow for a new Youth Minister. Steve noted that \$15,000 is built into the budget in the event that LOC needs more. He also stated that St. Mary's received the most of all the parishes from the carnival. John expressed concern about the \$15,000 being built into the budget. Dick made the motion to accept the Budget as is and Leo seconded the motion. Ten PPC members agreed and one opposed.

+ Mike requested final review of Draft of Vision Statement. Item 4 was amended.

+ Mike appointed Shawn and Leo to the nominating committee for Pastoral Parish Council members. Stefanie Fix, John Grasl, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford's terms will expire in July 2015. Leo asked Tom and Carolyn if they would be willing to accept a second term and they agreed. Shawn said she will check with Stefanie to see if she would be willing to accept a second term.

NEXT MEETINGS: May 19, 2015 at 5:30 and August 25, 2015 at 5:30