

# Pastoral Council Meeting

## March 5, 2019 Minutes

**Present:** Rev. Jazdzewski, Chris Woodford, Terry Allen, Becky Adamski-Krische, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, and Kris Miller. Matt Krische was excused. Finance Council members Sharon Sliwka, Sarah Gordee, and Dan Marx sat in for a portion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on November 6, 2018, at 7:10 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski read the First Sunday in Lent's Gospel and lead the prayer to begin the meeting. Rev. thanked the council members for their time and service.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes/notes from the February meeting were approved as written.

The first hour or so was a joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils to discuss possible revenue streams, specifically the exploration of using the Fulton Campus rectory as a rooming house. Bottom line is the parish needs money, and rather than tear down the buildings, we need to find uses for them. The parish is currently exploring renting out any of the available rooms in any of the buildings. Lively discussion included, but was not limited to, the following:

The SP rectory has roughly 15 rooms which could be leased as a rooming house, where tenants have their own bedrooms and share kitchen and bathrooms. Dan shared his experiences as a rooming house landlord and fielded questions. The facility needs to be improved before renting. Issues that will need to be addressed include: plumbing, electrical, fire escapes, smoke/CO<sub>2</sub> detectors locks on outside doors & all bedrooms, compliance with health department regulations and Americans With Disabilities Act, etc. Historically, the rectory housed a maximum of 5 priests with some seminarians there occasionally and the parish offices were in the front rooms. The building has city water & sewer, which is a plus, and the pipes are old. Asbestos removal/abatement is an issue. Hot water availability for tenants will probably mean that additional water heaters are needed. To keep it clean, Dan suggested hiring a clean crew once a week and screen renters (no drug history, good credit, employed, no criminal history, etc.).Capitol layout will be necessary for rental. The health department will need to inspect the property and approve it as a rooming house after all regulations are met.

Another option was to consider renting the building to Mayo's visiting doctors/interns/traveling nurses/professionals.

Changes in the buildings' tax status should be considered.

As a rooming house, rent might be \$400 monthly, unfurnished, single occupancy; leases would be year long. A rental management company typically charges 6% plus maintenance costs to oversee the property and manage tenants. The next steps involve parish approval, diocesan approval, health department approval.

In summary, options being considered include: rooming house, short-term stay rentals for healthcare professionals/visitors/people in transition between leases/when someone's home is not yet ready, or a Hope Lodge/Ronald MacDonald House type facility for people in need of lodging during medical interventions. Shorter term stays will mean more cleaning; more modifications may need to be done to the property to accommodate patients. Short term renting with frequent turnover will get very labor intensive. Rooms and common areas would need furniture.

The desire is to consider options to make parish buildings into revenue streams rather than tear down.

Further questions include: What is parish/church liability (i.e., if tenant is injured on property)? How to deal with property damage by tenants? Will we allow emotional support animals? If we have a management company administering, then there may be a level of protection.

As far as diocesan approval, the Strategic Planning Committee met with La Crosse 2-3 times, explored many avenues. All ideas were not well received, mainly due to liability factors and to cost prohibitive upgrades making real income unattainable.

**Finance Council:** Rev. reported. Snow removal bills have been incredibly high for Feb. In order to meet April/May bills, may have to use recent bequests savings. Plans are to mail letters to parishioners, probably before St. Patrick's Day to inform them that the parish needs more money. There is planning to increase giving by suggesting/encouraging auto-pay for donations. Our current fundraisers are being examined to determine their success and future.

**Education Committee:** Meets on March 12.

**Family Life:** Kris Miller reported on the meeting held tonight.

- FLC still needs more volunteers for St. Pat's Day Dinner. Call Jeanne Reber to sign up.
- Jeanne provided the LifeTouch informational packet and her notes for the Parish Directory. Photos will be taken over several weeks later in 2019 with the directory publication coming in 2020. The parish needs a chair to coordinate. The chair should be in place soon, so dates can be scheduled. Becky is considering chairing.
- Our Parish's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is here. FLC will host an off-site celebration in July after 4:00pm Mass. Lazy Monk is being considered as a possible venue.
- Rectory Dinners. Rev. has a coordinator. Frequency will be once a month, probably after 4:00pm Mass, with 8-12 people attending. Will work to get a cross-section of the parish at each dinner. Hope is to encourage relationship among parishioners.

**Community Concerns Committee:** Elaine Carlson reported. They met on Feb. 18 at 6:30pm.

- Blessing Boxes project nearing completion. Waiting for weather to cooperate for installation.
- Feed My People Weekend Kids' Meals raised about half of their funding goal.
- Beacon House's next week to serve is April 21.
- People are needing rides to Mass, especially 4:00pm. While the parish is unable to provide rides. Janell Lee is available to help people get in touch with people.
- Pleas for more money for Souper Bowl were put in the bulletin. No additional funds arrived.
- Community Table is appealing for money to cover milk and monthly rent.

**Sacred Worship:** Rev. reported. SW changed the schedule for Christmas and Holy Day Masses. SW is reading GIRM to learn the parameters of celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Hearing & Feeling:** Members have been approached by parishioners who are unsettled by the idea to combine Religious Ed at the Deanery level. Anyone with concerns is encouraged to talk to PC members. The desire is to work to find the best solution for our youth.

### **Old Business:**

- Combining Masses: The idea has been floated to a couple of people. Any decision will be made with the desire to support community, fellowship, worship, and save money. Discussion will be encouraged at St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The parish is taking Mass head counts at all 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend Masses.
- Strategic Planning Committee: is no longer an active committee.
- SHSP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Planning for an off-site get together after 4:00pm Mass on a July weekend.

### **New Business:**

- Building & Grounds Committee: has been established as a subcommittee of the Finance Council. Gary Ida will chair. Dan Marx will be the *liason* to FC. The committee is still in early stages of formation. Priorities are current maintenance issues then short & long range projects. We need to care for what we have and then decide where we want to go from there. Thank you to Gary for being willing to head this committee.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:20 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

**Next Meeting**: April 2 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.