

Holy Family Catholic Church, Copperas Cove, TX

Minutes for Pastoral Council Meeting, 24 January 2019

Present:

Fr. Patrick Ebner
Karin Kennedy
Pat Lippincott
Joe Pangelinan
Hector Flores
Gerry Green
Fred Williams

Meeting called to order: 6:07 PM

Opening prayer by Fr. Patrick

Approval of the minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of 13 December 2018:

Time was taken for members to read and review the minutes. It was noted that in a paragraph near the end of the minutes the word raided should be raised.

Gerry moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, Fred seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

Electronic Marquee - Fr. Patrick stated that the sign will be in next month, the concrete will then be poured and the installation completed. Comments during a brief discussion were positive with the ease of operation and communication value being mentioned.

New Business:

Fall Fest Chair - Fr. Patrick mentioned that David Huffner had been the chairperson last year and whom might be considered as a chairperson for this year. The consensus from the discussion was that David had done an excellent job last year and it would be best for him to do it again this year. Fr. Patrick will ask David and the position can be further discussed at the next meeting. Tom McNew was mentioned as a possible candidate if David declines being the chairperson again this year.

Capital Campaign - Fr. Patrick explained that with the parish being involved in Phase III, planning will have to begin in March. The Campaign Executive Committee Guide was distributed. The Campaign Organizational Chart was reviewed, with the numbers that will need to be recruited for the Campaign Co-Chairs, Campaign Executive Committee and the Volunteer Committee discussed. Fr. Patrick commented on the Volunteer Committee likely being fewer than suggested in the organizational chart. Names of couples were suggested for leadership positions and Fr. Patrick said he would call those mentioned and ask for their recommendations.

Fr. Patrick spoke about the phased nature of the campaign, the role of prayer and discernment and the Pastor's role was reviewed. Fr. Patrick will handle the larger gifts and will also use Flocknote to encourage participation in the campaign. Fr. Patrick asked the council members to read the Guide and for our prayers. So far the campaign has been going well in other parishes.

Uses for the campaign funds that the parish would receive were discussed. Fr. Patrick distributed a before and after concept for a remodel of the sanctuary. Discussion touched on the relocation of the organ console, possible removal of the organ and the relocation of the tabernacle to the center of the back wall of the sanctuary. Some council members thought that the organ had been donated and the donor or their family might object to its removal, but Karin explained that the parish had paid for the organ. The funds that the parish would receive if the campaign goal is met would be approximately \$180K. Fr. Patrick will speak to the Bishop about the sanctuary remodel and moving the tabernacle. The consensus of further discussion was support for the remodel.

Diocesan Release of Names - Fr. Patrick explained that at 2 PM on 31 January all Texas dioceses will release the names of clergy, from 1950 forward, who have been credibly accused of sexually abusing a minor. How the topic and other matters relative to Christians and the Catholic Church specifically have been reported was discussed. Corrective measures and the updating of those measures along with support for the victims was also discussed. Fr. Patrick asked for council members to look for feedback and bring to the next meeting.

Comments - Fred brought up that there have been some negative comments about the rosary being recited before mass. The comments stem from the times when the rosary went right up to the beginning of mass and did not allow for quietly preparing for the mass. The consensus of the discussion was to keep the recitation of the rosary, but that it must start on time.

Pat explained a concern a parishioner had brought to her about safety in the parking lot regarding pedestrian traffic and in particular those that back into parking spaces or pull through when parking so they can leave without backing up. Discussion recognized safety concerns, but limiting how those attending mass park would not be done; drivers are encouraged to drive carefully and be observant of pedestrians.

It was brought up about liturgical ministers, e.g., Readers, carrying out their ministry and then

leaving mass since they had already attended another mass. Discussion favored liturgical ministers being present for the entire mass, and only being scheduled for one mass.

It was asked that the new acknowledgement process for mass to be outlined again. The process was reviewed and discussed with consensus supporting the changes.

It was mentioned that when the Christmas card box is placed in the entrance area it should be checked regularly; Karin noted that some cards were not picked up and were discarded.

Next meeting date/time was selected as 20 February 2019, at **6 PM**.

The meeting was closed at 7:07 PM with the praying of the Glory Be.