

**Saint Cecilia Pastoral Council**  
**Tuesday, February 25th, 7:00pm, Social Hall North**

**Present:** Father Jim Secora, Reno Berg, Kate Hartzler, Lois Lehmkuhl, Mike Brown, Sarah Mansell, Nancy Jenson, Colin Murphy (Catholic School Board), Sly Upah (Finance Council)  
**Staff:** Jarrett Wendt, Jeremy Hess, Bill Klein, Deacon Mark Bortle  
**Guests:**  
**Notes By:** Kate Hartzler

1. **Call to Order:** Reno Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Colin led the group in prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** January 2020 Pastoral Council minutes were approved with no changes.
4. **New Business:**
  - A. **Process to post pictures regarding items needing repair/replacement:**

No pictures at this time; we talked about posted on the website and on the kiosk as well as the Let's Stay Connected publication and the bulletin; identification of what pictures to take: HVAC, underside of pews (put caution tape around pews and take a picture), how many pews are repaired in this church-give the parishioners this number; peeling ceiling, bench cushion where separating (with food stuck), kneelers are separated from the wood, veneer is coming off, carpet is fraying and worn, baptismal font is cracked all the way through, Jeremy will get pictures from hidden areas (HVAC), audio system is poor. Roof. We need to develop a general statement from the council about the pictures/needs being brought to parishioners' attention. Reno will bring this draft to the next meeting (after sharing with a few first). Suggestion by Sarah to ask for volunteers early and often. Suggestion to use the word renovation. Jeremy shared they are adding more can lights and track lighting. Suggestion to make a list of what we need for renovation and ask people for help.
  - B. **Strategic planning recommendations from Ric Brimeyer:** council agreed to pass on Ric's recommendations
5. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Columbarium update:** Lois-Ray Murray is going to meet with a group next Wed. at 2:00 in the Narthex to give that group all of what they have done to prevent starting over here. St. Thomas is down to 9 niches and looking at whether they should build another. Looks like it is a go. Fr. tried to get a hold of Archdiocese to make sure we have all of that covered. The company would come up with the design. Out old bathrooms exit; could we put double door to exit from funeral (church). Get a design printed and have out for parishioners to see. Bill called Archdiocese (Rick) on finance end and there was little information. The people buy the niches, pay for the columbarium. Do we have to check with the City of Ames since we will change to footprint of the building?
  - B. **Facilities recommendations for remodel plan:** Need to start with pictures to convince parishioners;
  - C. **Election Committee:** meet next Wed. at 10:00
  - D. **Responses to explanatory letter regarding retired priest residence:** all agreed this statement was good; no one has heard any feedback on this
6. **Committee and Board Reports (provided in packet):** This month, for most committees no additional updates were given due to length of the meeting. See committee reports / minutes.
  - A. Liturgy- No report-they meet on Wednesday
  - B. Stewardship- Bill is trying to put something together. Start with all the staff in parish and school and make sure they know what stewardship is. Going to meet with staff to get some things going. Maybe St. Thomas, Peter and Paul and Cecilia a council together.
  - C. Finance- We are ahead of budget right now. By next month we are going to meet March 10 with a first glance of budget at that time.
  - D. Faith Formation- No update.
  - E. Catholic School Board- Feb. and March are busy meetings. Info in packet about tuition matters; Salary and staff in March meeting.
  - F. Social Justice- No update.
  - G. Parish Life- No update.
  - H. Business Office- Budget process-money is drying up; policy revised in 2014-we can request special projects from certain groups-allocate salaries as that is the big hit for salaries. Give a bigger picture for finance. Bill will meet with Sara about budget then to council next week. All 4 are less than the subsidy we have been given in the past. Put in bulletin on a weekly basis the projects we need and where we are with money donated to those projects. \$100,000 bequest-any thoughts about how to spend this.

**7. Other Business/Additional Comments:**

- A. Coffee and donuts-July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-pastoral council will serve as new pastor's first mass.
- B. Things are coming together for Fr's. retirement

**8. Once Around:** None this month.

**9. Closing Prayer:** Glory Be

**10. Adjourn:** Reno adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday, March 24th, 2020 at 7pm

**Prayer Leader:** Matt Thatcher

**Visioning Update:** None

*Visioning Updates will resume in March 2020 with Stewardship*