

Minutes – Saint Cecilia Pastoral Council
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, 7:00pm, Social Hall North

Present: Father Jim Secora, Reno Berg, Nancy Jenson, Sarah Mansell, Kate Hartzler, Lois Lehmkuhl, Eddie Boylston, Mike Brown, Colin Murphy (Catholic School Board), Sly Upah (Finance Council)
Staff: Jarrett Wendt, Deacon Charles Bernhard
Guests: Jeff Witt
Notes By: Kate Hartzler

1. **Call to Order:** Reno Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Lois Lehmkuhl led the group in prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** November 26, 2019 Pastoral Council minutes were approved with no changes.
4. **Initiatives Review:** None this month; Reno shared that there was not a strategic meeting this year and we will wait for the new pastor to have one suggested in January 2021
5. **New Business:**
 - A. **Fr. Jim's 45th Ordination and retirement plans:** a committee has been activated - Reno is the council rep; details to come later. Reno suggests reaching out to him if you are interested in details. Dates have been established and committees and subcommittees are set. The 45th will be the lesser of the 2 events; the retirement celebration will be a big deal.
 - B. **Fr. shared an update on his mother.**
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Columbarium Update:** Lois - any questions? Meeting with Sue Stanton has been postponed; looked at plan that was shared. St. Thomas folks are eager to work with us on our plan. They are running out of space. February 23rd meeting still on. Facilities meeting is February 12th. Question for Jeff on pricing, where to place it, cost; Jeff will share this information to Sue that includes the scope of the project, but not pricing. This is a self-financed project. How big will this be? No answer yet. 2016 St. Thomas report is interesting - is there any updates on this in the last 4 years? No. We are not going to waste St. Thomas's time until we know more. Much excitement about the project.
 - B. **Adoption of Remodel Plan:** At the November meeting Reno passed out a document on a remodel; no feedback from anyone...Reno proposes we adopt this plan for a committee to move forward. Has the facilities committee looked at this? Jeff says he has a copy and they can follow up with Reno. The facilities expansion committee originally looked at meeting space more than remodel the church. It was a bigger scope. Now we need to come up with a committee. Reno suggests the council come up with people to approach rather than invite any parishioners. Reno agrees to write something up and add plan to the website with the help of Jeff Witt Then ask for input. We will need an architect, liturgy people, engineer and other parishioners. Suggestion to have an open house so people can see the issues. We were over budget last year and one reason is that we are bandaied-ing our church. We will need to hire a project manager and not assume a church member can do it. We need to have a chair to run this. Suggestion to involve the church family. Another idea is to take pictures of the terrible conditions and put on website and on the kiosk. We need to create by in with information. Suggestion to do a survey for what people want done. In summary: photos of tired church issues on website and kiosk. What kind of pictures and who will take them. The council will take pictures. Facilities will take some pictures of things that we can't see. Get those pictures to Matt Thatcher before next meeting. Tape off some pews to show concerns? orange cones where carpet is bad?
7. **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- Nancy met early Nov. and last week; December masses were great. Jan. meeting-schedulers do a great job.
 - B. Stewardship- A committee chair is needed but has not been selected yet. Bill has been doing some reading on this.
 - C. Finance- Sly-Things are good; ~2000 over budget
 - D. Faith Formation- Sarah-chess tournament-doors were propped open-heating issue and security issue; Bill should know this;
 - E. Social Justice- Mike-67,000 in budget; 89,000 lbs of food donating from WalMart; Sams's Club gave 199,000 lbs. Taking up donations for refugees and immigrants

- F. School Board-Colin-recommendations for school board coming soon; question about asking for more money from out of parish tuition
 - G. Parish Life- Let's Roll-2630 items donated
 - H. Business Office- None this meeting
 - I. Election committee-May 16 and 17 will be the election; start asking people; filling in members of the committee
8. **Other Business/Additional Comments:**
- A. We should come up with an emergency contact list; facilities should be clean when the activity is over. Bill?
 - B. Fr. Brock will be coming M-F for radiation and chemo through early March. Good news was in the early stages and very small. He will be 86 or 87
 - C. Lois-Concern that the parish bought a house for Fr. Jim. This is not true, so we need to be above board. Maybe put something in the bulletin. Reno and Sly will meet with Bill about getting this info out there.
9. **Reminders:** None this month.
10. **Once Around:** None this month.
11. **Closing Prayer:** Lois led the group in a closing prayer.
12. **Adjourn:** Reno adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7pm

Prayer Leader: Colin Murphy

Visioning Update: None

Visioning Updates are scheduled resume in March 2020 with Stewardship
(note: currently Stewardship needs a chair assigned)