

St. Luke Pastoral Council
Minutes – September 17, 2019

In Attendance: Fr. Joby Abraham, Nick Beckmann, Chris Boland, Patrick Bryant, Gordon Brooks, Tom Feick, David Fink, Mark Garza, Patrick Jendraszak, Katie Kumler, Stan Kwiatkowski, Michele Marxer, Eileen O Metzger, Judy Palmer, Msgr. Joseph Schadel, Pat Wachtel, Jeff Whiting

Absent: Frank Short, Dave Orlando

Call to Order – Judy Palmer

Opening Prayer – Nick Beckmann

Review and Approval of May 2019 Minutes

-Stan advised of slight correction under 'Budget Approval/Quarterly Financial Report', under bullet point 9, 'expenses more than revenue'

Opening Comments – Judy Palmer

- Welcome to all members, including new members
- Adjusting Holy Hour for Vocations which will work out well and not create conflict with monthly pastoral council (PC) meetings
- Conflict of Interest Statements to be signed by next meeting
- Brief discussion around adjusting start time of future PC meetings to 6pm (from 7pm), this would create conflict with finance meeting, after further discussion decision to leave start time at 7pm
- Encouraged PC members to sign up as volunteers during upcoming fall festival

Semi-Annual Commission Report – Katie Kumler - No update

Annual Finance Update – Stan Kwiatkowski

See Attached

- Loss of about \$28k as a result of lower school enrollment than budgeted, collection below budget (largest contributor), athletic department operated at a loss
- Seeking 5% increase in weekly tithing over next year to make up deficit
- Discussion ensued around increasing messaging around EFT enrollment for tithing, maybe message included in tithing packs received in mail, etc.
- Also, discussion around what % of people use envelopes? Should we stop sending envelopes when enrolled in EFT? 1650 families (approx. 70% of parish) contribute annually via tithing (at least \$1 that can be connected to family), almost 1/3 of collections come from EFT
- Some discussion around graphing out spending (5 yr., 10 yr., etc.) by ministry to better understand how expenses are trending
- Comment around most people are giving same amount as they did 10 yrs. ago
- Comment around tithing often increases during times of capital campaign, also general opportunity to leverage awareness around capital campaign, opportunity to re-energize parish
- Should we send letter/statement to families showing contributions over past year and ask for 5% increase in tithing over next year, maybe show 5 yr. giving line to individual families)
- Stan advised July/August Sunday collections show continued decreasing amounts, school is down 10 children, pre-school is in a good spot currently financially, some regulatory issues with school lunches being reviewed/addressed that might involve some additional funding for cafeteria, \$28k (2018-19) deficit is being addressed by taking money from rainy day fund to cover shortfall, capital campaign funding will be reimbursed to rainy day fund
- Some conversation around the financial update (attached) under Providence 2021 Capital Campaign (pg. 3) that people could be confused by graph at bottom and think this is how capital campaign funding is being allocated, rather graph is only showing how Sunday tithing money is being used

Commission and Council Updates

Judy reminded PC that updates should be submitted in advance of meeting and in turn will be sent with agenda for PC members to review prior to monthly meeting as we move into a consent agenda format for these items

School Commission – Katie Kumler

See attached

Evangelization Task Force – Nick Beckmann

No update

Stewardship Commission – Katie Naughton

No update

Faith Formation & Catechesis Commission – Pat Wachtel

No update

Christian Social Action Committee – Chris Boland

No Update

Finance Council – Patrick Jendraszak

See attached

Parish Life Commission – Patrick Bryant

No Update

Spiritual Life Commission – Eileen O. Metzger

No update

New Business- None

Business Managers Report – Patrick Jendraszak

Patrick highlighted the dedicated volunteers at St Luke (Fall Festival, Capital Campaign, etc.), discussed overall success of capital campaign, upcoming stewardship campaign to highlight volunteerism

Pastor's Overview/Closing Comments – Msgr. Joseph Schaedel

Msgr. highlighted overarching success of capital campaign, looks like we will have sourced approx. \$5.5mm in pledges vs. original goal of \$4.5mm, some of the projects will start in 2020, probably start of Northside of campus (pre-school/athletic pavilion, portico, sacristan)

Some discussion around need to keep parish updated on progress of projects

Closing Prayer/Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Beckmann