

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Attendance:

Present: Fr. Dan Leary, Deacon Steve O'Neill, Deacon Steve Reeves, F. Tom Claxton, Frank Corrigan, Rolando DeAlvarez, Bob Kane, Pat Kilner, Lisa Longacre, David Luksic, Rose Millet, John O'Donnell, Rosario Onyekwere, Frank Watkins

Not Present: Msgr. Kevin Hart, Fr. Mario Majano, Deacon Ken Barrett, Deacon Mike Bond, Sue Sheehan

Call to Order: F. Tom Claxton, Chairman, 7:42 pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan Leary

Business:

Father Dan Leary provided an update on school enrollment. Currently, 334 students are enrolled in the school, including three students from the Parish Mission through Boost scholarships. This total does not include children in the Early Learning Center.

Father Dan Leary provided a brief update of the status of the Capital Campaign. The status of contributions will be published monthly on the website and in the bulletin beginning in September.

The parish has begun using Flocknote for communication purposes. This email and text messaging service will enable weekly email messages with links to videos, meeting announcements, and more. Its use is being coordinated by rectory staff.

The parish has purchased a subscription to Formed, an online platform that is “a Catholic version of Netflix” to provide Catholic resources to parishioners on demand. Formed provides a tool for personal study and small-group discussion and has already been used in a parish Bible Study.

Frank Watkins provided construction updates. Kitchen renovations are proceeding and weekly progress updates are being shared on with parishioners through the website. Modular classrooms are installed and a final inspection is pending. Planning for the two-phased additions of the multipurpose room plus bathrooms (phase 1) and church narthex (phase 2) continue, including resolution of code issues. The parking lot has been resurfaced as a proactive maintenance project.

The Council discussed possible ways to provide an Open House for parishioners to tour facilities (actual and virtual tours) when current installation and renovation projects are complete.

John O'Donnell provided information on updates to the church sound system. New equipment includes five microphones that are being installed (2 handheld/3 wireless).

Father Dan Leary provided time for the Council to express concerns related to the Church scandal. He discussed several upcoming spiritual events planned in response to this, including a 24 Hour Day of Prayer for Sanctification of the Church on September 21-22, a Cenacle conducted by the Marian Movement of Priests on October 3, a 24 Hour Day of Prayer for Reparation on October 4-5, and a display of the Sacred Relics from the Vatican collection on October 5.

Father Dan Leary announced the Mrs. Theresa Trigiani has been hired as the new Choir Director for the parish. The search for a new Youth Minister is ongoing.

Father Dan Leary said that the recent Men's Retreat at Loyola was a success.

David Luksic provided information for Council consideration about a Security Grant Program offered through the Department of Homeland Security.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on October 10 at 7:00 pm.

Closing Prayer: Father Dan Leary

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

Recorded by: Lisa Longacre