

Precious Blood Pastoral Council

September 5, 2018

Attending: Pamela Amendola	Deacon John Hoffman	Mary Beth Kriksciun
Michael Dorney	Deacon Nick Genovese	Richard Jagoe
Brian Burgh	Raymond Stattel	Robert Lynch
Patricia Byrne	Felix Lizasuain	Patrice Dunn
Doris Nash	Diane Candido	Hilma Nolan
Mary Bissell, Trustee	Father Aidan Donahue	Bob Lessard

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Lessard at 7:00pm.

An opening prayer was offered by Deacon John Hoffman

A motion was made by Mike Dorney to accept the minutes of the May meeting. Brian Burgh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

Diane Candido: Diane reported on some of the upcoming social activities of the parish. The parish picnic will be held this weekend (September 9) 175 people have purchased tickets. It is possible the picnic may be moved to June next year. Some upcoming events are:

October: Sock Hop

March 2019: Mardi Gras dinner dance

May: Kentucky Derby party

The committee is also planning on bus trips to Boston and New York. A cruise is planned for August 2019. This will be a 7 day cruise from New York to Bermuda. They are looking to have 20-30 people. More information is forth coming.

Fr. Donahue: The new parish has been operating for one year. Thus far things are progressing well. Attendance and offerings has increased. Fr. Donahue explained the changes to the chair placement on the altar. The entire Mass should not be celebrated on the main altar. The Holy Eucharist is

consecrated from the Main Altar and the Word read from the pulpit. A discussion took place on moving the Tabernacle at St. Agnes. The original is missing and needs to be located. We will look through old pictures and drawings to try and locate it.

The Arch Bishop will hold a weekly holy hour for sex abuse victims. We will begin to pray the Prayer of St. Michael after every Mass.

Parishioner's Comments: Bob read some comments from Doris Nash

1. The flags at both churches are very dirty. Can they be cleaned or replaced? Fr. Donahue agreed they could be replaced.
2. Can the small candles be replaced? Deacon John explained that not only are they dirty and the soot difficult to remove but they are dangerous and an insurance issue. There are candles that burn down and burn for only an hour. These are the similar to the ones used at St. Patrick's. This may be an option.
3. Is it possible to have R & L arrows installed in the driveway of St. Agnes? This would designate entrances and exits preventing accidents and making it safer for pedestrians.
4. The crying room at St. Agnes is a mess and needs cleaning. Can we remove the toys and clean the carpet? Also install a closed circuit TV to make viewing the Mass easier for the parents and children in the crying room. Currently there are plans to install closed circuit TV at St. Mary campus as there is a server in the school. Deacon John is meeting with electricians to redo the wiring in the rectory and Fr. Cronin hall. It would be easy to add a TV to the crying room at St. Agnes. He would like to see an ongoing calendar at each church for better communication.
5. Is it possible to increase the size of the bulletin? This way events could be repeated for several weeks. A suggestion was made that when placing an article in the bulletin communicate how long you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Felix: Expressed concerned about changes in the CCD program. Are we using our parish resources to the best advantage? Currently 7th and 8th grade are held at St. Agnes. All other classes are held at St. Mary's. There is only one class being confirmed this year (students from St. Mary) thus confirmation will take place at St. Mary this year.

Who do parishioners contact to ask for prayers for military personnel? Parishioners should contact Barbara Kelly the parish secretary.

Hilma: Can we have signs installed at St. Agnes identifying the bathrooms? Robert Lynch will follow up.

Brian Burgh: Is it possible to install pads for the church pews? It would be more comfortable especially for the elderly and more quiet. Fr. Donahue explained to do so at St. Mary's would necessitate revoicing the organ. This would prove to be too costly. How to keep pads clean and sanitary was also discussed.

Chairman's Report

Bob gave a report summarizing the first year of the pastoral council. (see attached)

It's time to appoint a nominating committee for the next council. Patrice Dunn, Brian Burgh, Mary Beth Kriksciun and Felix Lizasuain volunteered to be on the committee. They will present a slate at the next meeting. A discussion took place on how to fairly rotate members off the council. If you would like to be removed from the council contact Bob. Mary Beth feels honored to be part of the pastoral council, and feels that we are just getting used to the council and we should all continue for a longer time before being rotated off.

Deacons Reports:

Deacon Nick: A party is being planned for Fr. Callahan to be held at St. Agnes on October 28, 2018. Father is currently living with his sister in Fairfield and doing well.

Deacon John: Deacon John will be presenting an evening to address End of Life issues. The discussion will be open to all interested parishioners.

He is planning on meeting with parishioners of St. Agnes giving them the chance to voice their concerns. He is also working on developing a survey for both campuses. The plan is to have the survey completed by mid-October. Once the data is collected listening sessions will be planned.

Old Business

Parish Properties: Robert Lynch

Not much maintenance had been done to either campus in recent years. Robert is trying to address current issues.

1. There is much work to be done to the rectory at St. Agnes to update it. Recently a new bathroom was installed and the wood floors refinished. The plan is to have Fr. Deny and Fr. Sam move into the first floor and redo the second floor for guests.
2. Card readers are being installed at both St. Mary's church and school. These will be used instead of keys. Card readers will provide better security for the school as well as the church.
3. St. Agnes needs computer upgrades.
4. The topic of installing new handicap doors at both campuses was discussed. Unfortunately at \$4000 each they are cost prohibitive right now.

Fr. Donahue suggested Robert prepare a report to tell about the upgrades that have been done at St. Agnes.

By Law Final Vote:

The changes made to the bylaws at the last meeting were reviewed. In addition to those changes, Mike Dorney suggested a change to Section IV article 3

Old: Remove the second after

New: after having sought input from Council members and consulted with the Pastor

After reviewing the changes Hilma Nolan made a motion to accept the by-laws with the approved changes. Brian Burgh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Open Discussion

St Agnes does not have an AED. Deacon John suggested we try and find someone willing to donate one.

There being no other new business, Fr. Donahue offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 14 at Fr. Cronin Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Amendola