

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes  
October 14, 2015

Council Members: Alyse Cadez, Karin Seubert, Toni Kraut, Shannon Eggleston, Bill Neumayer, Fr. Brad Neely, Larry Kopczynski, Bill Steiner, Linda Basilico, Sarah Rosenlund, Noel Hardin

Opening prayer: Reflection read by Larry and opening prayer was prayed as a group.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved via email and have been posted to the website.

- **School Report-Karin Seubert:**

- The A.C.T.I.O.N. Auction was a huge hit. Preliminary figures are showing a \$130,000.00 profit. As this is above the budgeted fundraising goal they will be able to upgrade classroom and staff technology
- The Veteran's Day celebration was well attended and well received.
- The Advent Concert will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lewiston High School Auditorium beginning at 7 pm.
- Christmas vacation starts on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

- Sound system is installed and tuned in.
- In regards to the parish pictorial directory, it is now in the hands of its 5<sup>th</sup> designer who promises she will stay with the project until it is done.
- Financial aspect: we are hanging in there. Sarah will have a report prepared for the council next month.
- The Bazaar profit is going to come in lower than last year. The raffle is down by \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00. The dinner was up significantly. We served 929 meals. The meat was good this year. No live auction this year was an obvious factor in the decreased profit.
- The much awaited and discussed kiosk is coming, eventually. We are basically back to square one with this project. The donated kiosk that was slated to be refurbished to fit our needs was found to be structurally unsound.
- Anniversary celebration was well attended. It was a great success. Sarah was thanked for all her hard work.

- **Pastors Report-Fr. Brad Neely:**

- Fr. Neely distributed some highlights he gleaned from the book "Forming Intentional Disciples". He asked the council members read them at their leisure. This book is more spiritually aimed than the book "Rebuilt" the council read last spring.
- New members are asked to read "Rebuilt" if they have not already done so. It can be purchased online. It gives some good background information.

- **Parochial Vicar report-Fr. Evarist Shiyo:**

- No report

- **Other Business:**

- Larry did an amazing job with his presentation to the parish, highlighting what is being worked on and accomplished by the pastoral council and parish. Larry stated he

received positive feedback after the masses. Consensus is the council will continue monthly summaries and highlights one weekend a month. It was determined the same person will speak at all three weekend masses to assure a consistent message. The next presentation will be the weekend of December 5/6 and the message will be delivered by council member Toni Kraut.

- **Status of Columbarium- Bill Neumayer**

Last week Bill met with the owners PCS Laser & Memorial on site where the proposed columbarium will sit. The proposed project would be built with options in the design to allow for future plans or expansion to proceed easily and consistently. The columbarium is meant to be offered as an eternal resting place for those who choose to pursue this option and finance it.

Bill did not have a schematic design tonight. He anticipates having one for the December meeting. The schematic design will show what the finished columbarium (master plan) would look like. Bill described conceptually how the phases would progress. The size of the area will be approx. 5,000 square feet. Alyse voiced a concern about the space being planned noted the space constraints at Holy Family in Clarkston. The size difference is significant and was described in detail. Further expansion will be on a build as need demands. Initial cost to the parish will be pavers and preparing the site. The site can accommodate several thousand niches. The sale of memorial pavers would offset cost of pavers. Sarah pointed out another benefit of the why the proposed site works so well is we already have security cameras in place.

- **Community Building-Alyse Cadez**

Bill Neumayer thanked the community building sub group for meeting and their work on the “We are Listening” project.

Alyse asked council members to add things they may have heard from parishioner that are not on the report they compiled and distributed. She reiterated this is a work in progress and is not in concrete. It is a place to start. She noted, St Paul in a number of places in scripture talks about how we the people are the building. We would like to influence our parish community to think of us, the people, as the building. The council is asked to please give their input on what the top 4 things they would like the focus to be. The parishioners want to know the council is looking at what the concerns are and that they are working on them.

Several of the items that were identified were discussed. Items such as bringing the hearing assist devices out of the lay ministry sacristy for weekend masses, the kiosk, a reader board, and a desire to see what children & youth group are doing displayed on a bulletin board.

Sarah explained a donor wall is already in the master plan, as well as possible displays of some of our historical items. What is already part of the master plan will have to be balanced with how much space is available for other projects. It was noted some of the things in the summary are very easy fixes.

Some items need to wait until we get all our buildings onsite –definitely don’t want to divert money from the school building project. These are points to present in the “council speaks” monthly presentations.

Fr. Brad commented we certainly can incorporate the spiritual aspects that were brought forth. Noting praying can be a commitment to pray on your own.

Again it was noted this is a good start and council members should send comments to Alyse or Shannon so we can begin to focus on the top 4.

Noel pointed out he was remembering last spring they had discussed doing a visioning exercise and open it up to the entire parish. The parish would gather as a large group, get general topics and group them together then begin the process of narrowing down the vision.

The importance of keeping with a common theme in all aspects of our communications was pointed out. Assuring all are presenting the same information in many ways.

- **Facility Use & Alcohol Policy**

The working group traded emails and were not ever able to get together, Karin Noel, Shannon, Larry, and Toni-the sub group working on this aspect-will work to meet and bring forth recommendations. There is an awareness the approaching holidays may necessitate putting this off until the first of the new year. This item was tabled for this month.

- **New Business:**

- **Other New Business**

Shannon asked if the vision project could run in conjunction with the ministry fair in January. The council learned there is already a Knights of Columbus seminarian breakfast scheduled in conjunction with the ministry fair. Karin suggested possibly paring it with a school building project announcement as a good match.

Noel asked for a better understanding of Angela's job as directory of ministry. The director of ministry is responsible for supporting and developing the ministries with the exception of music, youth ministry and faith formation. She is tasked with helping new ministries get started, revitalizing faded ministries, supporting developing or faltering ministries. Fr. Brad affirmed what a tremendous help she is to him.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting of the council will be December 9, 2015 at All Saints in the Library.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Brad led the closing prayer and offered a blessing for the council.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gail Estes*