

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
September 14, 2016

Council Members: Linda Basilico, Larry Kopczynski, Toni Kraut, Alyse Cadez, Bill Neumayer, Shannon Eggleston, Fr. Neely, Fr. Shiyo

Guest: Al Peterson, PCS Laser and Memorial

Opening prayer: Bill Neumayer led the council in prayer to begin the meeting

- **Approval of Minutes**

There were no August minutes to approve as the council did not meet.

- **Parish Administrator Report –Sarah Rosenlund**

No Report

- **School Report –Denise Hamrlich**

No Report

- **Ongoing Columbarium Revision Update-Bill Neumayer:**

Bill introduced Al Peterson of PCS Laser and Memorial. Al presented a cost saving scaled down columbarium design. The council received a cost estimate and product option bid depicting a number of options both in design and materials. This design option was developed with a \$75,000 to \$100,000 price range as a startup target

Al explained this proposed design splits the utilized portion of the courtyard in half allowing for greater ease of access. He described a first phase concept that could vary in size allowing for growth. An initial placement of two 7 foot sections – either single or double sided – was reviewed. Choosing a double sided option would provide 168 niches, a one sided option would provide 84 niches. Al informed the council PCS has begun making the single niches a bit bigger by a few inches and depending on urns the singles can accommodate 2 cremains and the double sized niche is able to hold 4 possibly 5 cremains. Stone choices and pricing differences were explained and discussed. Additional options such as free standing 4 niche “family” structures and memorial benches capable of holding an urn in each leg were described as possible private purchase options. Bill asked Al to describe QR codes and their possible uses. QR codes track who is in the columbarium, they are used as a bookkeeping tool, and the family gets a web page they can record their family history. The council went to the courtyard and further studied the actual space and possible options in relation to the proposed scaled back design.

Bill asked for a few members to join him in working further on this project. Linda Basilico offered to join Bill and Shannon offered her husband, Rich Eggleston.

- **Journey to Joy Following Christ & Pastor Report-Fr. Brad**

LPI (Liturgical Publications Inc.) has been organizing a Sustainable Offertory Program for All Saints. Its basic components are a letter campaign with announcements at church and weekly in the bulletin. We are on track for an October 1st kick off. The campaign theme is “*Journey to Joy Following Christ*”, and will conclude just prior to Advent. The theme lends itself easily to the joy of Advent and can be utilized as a springboard going forward. The Sustainable Offertory Program has a basic spiritual approach with an emphasis on the spirituality of tithing. Engaging those who have not ever tithed but are able to tithe is a focus.

All Saints Sustainable Offertory Goals:

- Double our local charitable giving
- Enable growth for our programs and ministries
- Continue to build an engaged and vibrant community

All Saints is beginning to implement some of the concepts and tools presented at the Building a Vibrant Parish Seminar hosted at All Saints on August 23rd. Fr. Neely reported hospitality is a hot topic. Those who attended the seminar will continue to meet monthly to work on strategies and implementation.

Fr. Neely would like to get an outreach effort that is meaningful and active to absent members. He would like to get some people together to form a team and begin without further delay.

In regards to the school, construction fundraising efforts are continuing to be developed. A presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 with representatives of the Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation. Endeavors are continuing to establish contacts to secure the funds necessary for the construction of All Saints Catholic School. At this time foundations and corporations are being sought. There are many foundations around and they do support projects such as ours. There will be the opportunity for parishioners to participate a bit later. The year 2019 is the projected construction start date. The lease on the current location expires in 2021. The Diocesan Building Committee has asked construction plans be developed to 30%. Larry asked if the Diocese was contributing funds to help build the school. Fr. Neely responded, no. He expounded on that by stating, what we are tasked with at All Saints is a big and tall order.

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

As we near the end of this year of mercy Fr. Shiyo wonders, have we really done anything to truly touch people's hearts? What have we achieved? He asked if there were any suggestions of how we can really impact people's hearts. Alyse pointed out the big community dinner held in mid-December reaches out to the families in need in our area. Alyse suggested we continue to focus on mercy beyond the official conclusion of the Year of Mercy.

Shannon suggests bringing to the parishioner's attention where we are in the timeline of the Year of Mercy, that there are two months left! What have you done? With an encouraging overtone of "It is not too late." Have you taken advantage of the blessed doors? Bill experienced at another diocesan parish the reading of the Year of Mercy prayer immediately preceding the priests final blessing and sending forth at the conclusion of Mass.

It was suggested Fr. Neely and Fr. Shiyo give a homily/homilies on mercy.

Alyse expressed her feeling that our parish is insulated from the homeless and poor.

Shannon suggested the icon for the year of mercy be a bulletin cover.

Our priest could challenge our parishioners to do at least one or two or three things for the year of mercy. Fr. Shiyo suggested writing down one grudge we are holding, bring it with us to a designated Mass, put it in a special basket, have the congregation process outside, and burn the "grudges" as a way to focus on mercy.

- **Other Business:**

Toni asked for input from the council on the Community Dinner. There are several challenges with holding it in the gym at All Saints Catholic School. All Saints Catholic Church has a number of advantages to improve conditions. It is bigger, there's better parking and there is public transportation. The proposed move has been met with strong resistance. Toni has talked with ASCS, and she reports they support a move to All Saints Catholic Church. She also talked to different members of the St. Vincent board and they also agreed that a change in venue to All Saints Church would be a good idea. It would be wonderful, in conjunction with the Year of Mercy, to throw open the doors of All Saints and provide a meal for the community in need. Plans will be solidified to plan for All Saints to host a dinner at the church next year and that will be the meal we support with our time, talent and treasure.

- **New Business:**

Toni stated parishioners have asked her when the annual financial report will be published. Fr. Neely will find out.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be October 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Shiyo offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes