

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
August 25, 2019
Approved

Present: Morgan Murray, Libby Downs, Dee Dailey, Fr. Richard Meredith, Lana Bastin, Robert Tyree, Fran Marko.

Absent: Fr. Michael Charles Abiero, Jan Buckner, Hilda Linares, Stephanie Blankenberger.

Morgan Murray called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Prayer: Morgan led the members in the Parish Prayer.

Scripture: Dee Dailey

Next Month: Robert Tyree

Formation: Libby Downs

Next Month: Fr. Richard

The June, 2019 minutes motion to approve by Dee Dailey and second by Morgan and all voted to approve.

Diocesan Assessment:

- New assessment for 2019-2020 year due by 6/2020 is \$72,467.
- Remaining 2018-2019 assessment is \$61, 825.

Capital Campaign:

- Steier Group has started the feasibility study and should be completed by the middle of September with letters sent to all parish families and school families.
- A presentation will be made to the Capital Campaign Committee, Finance Committee and Parish Council with next steps.
- The campaign would last 6 – 8 weeks.

Stained Glass: Fr. Richard

- The great window will be installed the week of September 9th.
- The three Archangel windows are scheduled to be installed at the same time as the Great Window.
- Mother Teresa window has been installed in the entryway.

Parish Events and Fundraising: Libby Downs

- A Blue Mass is scheduled for September 13th @ the 8:00 am Mass.
- On 9/11 the Youth will gather to make bags for the emergency personnel and these will be distributed at the Blue Mass.
- The Diocesan Marriage Celebration Mass will be celebrated 9/28 @ the 5:00 pm Mass with a reception in the Narthex to follow. Bishop Medley will be the celebrant.
- Parish Picnic is set for 9/22 with a change to the Mass schedule for this year's picnic. The 2:00 pm Spanish Mass will be set for 4:00 pm.

School: Stephanie Blankenberger

- NO REPORT as Stephanie had an emergency and had presented a report at all Masses.

Liaison Reports:

Hispanic: No report

Administration : Lana Bastin

- Maintenance building construction is proceeding slowly; Geothermal unit 4 is scheduled for coil replacement for known leak.
- Thrift store is doing well.
- Garden Ministry currently needs a chair person to direct this and engage parishioners in assisting in the maintenance of the flower beds.
- 9th Street property – a presentation by Joe Mezzoni and Tony Esposito regarding a potential cemetery for the property was presented. (See New Business)
- Finance committee met August 22nd to review budget. Still some final revisions to be completed due to new school leadership.
- The CCC met with Tom Lilly and an initial letter pertaining to the capital campaign has been drawn up and sent to all families.

Spiritual Life: Morgan Murray

- Adoration hours – 9 hours are available and prayer partners requested for 2 additional hours. This had been up to as many as 12.
- Ultreya meets on the 3rd Sunday after the 10:30 Mass.
- Clean Heart Initiative- Will discuss roll out when web site up and functional. Roll out starts with Safe Haven Sunday.
- Rosary Makers continue as usual.
- Prayer shawls continue as usual.
- Koinonia – no update.
- Cursillo- Men's weekend scheduled for Feb 28 – March 1 and Women's weekend scheduled for March 6 – 8 both at Mount St. Joseph.

Family Life: Jan Buckner

- Bereavement meals – 0 this month
- Silver Streaks – no update.
- Welcoming Committee and the Women's Group, the Roses of Sts Peter & Paul, have prepared baskets to welcome our new parishioners.
- Married Couples – the Kinnards met with first engaged couple (marriage planned in November); wonderful mentor weekend.
- Hispanic Ministry – no update.
- College Life – no update.
- Hospitality/receptions – no update.

Worship: Dee Dailey

- Trinidad Soriano is to be ordained a deacon on 9/14 @ 11:00 am in Owensboro and a reception will be held after the 2:00 pm Spanish Mass on 9/15.
- Four weddings are being planned at this time- 2 for the fall (one in September and one in November) and 2 next year.
- The new music is moving along with continued participation.
- Linen committee is fine.
- Altar Society is 12 strong and Lana will be retiring as chair of that committee.

Social Concerns: Hilda Linares Gonzalez

- NO REPORT

Education: Robert Tyree

- Marriage preparation – there are currently 6-9 couples in various stages of marriage preparation and 2 are Spanish.

- Tribunals – there are 4 active cases and several inactive or dormant cases. The four active cases should resolve sometime in 2020.
- RCIA – process will begin in September. Approximately 36 Invitation letters will be mailed the last week of August.
- Laura Johnson, Associate Director of Worship, was here Tuesday, August 20th to interview Libby regarding our RCIA process. Laura will be setting up podcasts of “Best Practices” and has asked Libby if she would agree to being interviewed for this.
- PSR – Classes will begin Sunday, September 8th. A parent meeting will be held on this date to discuss registration forms, etc.
- Middle School/High School – Final meeting with our teachers regarding what our September sessions will look like.
- Sacramental preparation – Upcoming parent meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 15 @ 5:15pm.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- Joe Mezzoni and Tony Esposito presented a proposal to develop the 9th Street Property into a Catholic Cemetery.
- History of how they got to this point indicated that several other ideas were researched including selling the property (very little value); looking at a commercial or restaurant on the property (very expensive alternative) Senior Apartments (not enough space).
- The idea of a cemetery was the most feasible. Contact with the City of Hopkinsville and the Diocese of Owensboro both indicated that it was very possible and further guidelines on what was necessary.
- Architectural drawings and soil sampling indicated that the majority of the 1.9 acres was available for graves (933 possible) and mausoleums, etc. A 15-foot easement would be necessary and a 5’ opaque fence.
- John Soyars was doing the legal work to join the 4 lots into one.
- The Council voted to approve (Dee motioned, Robert seconded, all approved) the move forward with presentation to the Parish for approval.
- Before the project can move forward it will need 80% of Adult members of the Parish to approve. Voting will occur at Mass over 2 weekends. Presentations and information inserts for the bulletin will be developed.

Pastor’s comments:

- Father indicated that he had sent a fourth open letter along with copies of the police reports to the Council and still had not received more than the cursory response from his first letter.
- Clean Heart Initiative committee including Robert, Dee, Vicky and Tim Barnes and Morgan and Fr. Meredith moves forward with a blurb in the Bulletin about what this is and what is involved. A Safe Haven Sunday is the next step.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Richard ended the meeting with a prayer at 7:19 pm.

The next meeting is **September 29, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.**

The next Executive meeting is **September 13 at 5:30 pm in the Holy Family Room.**

Respectfully submitted by Fran Marko.