

St. Luke Pastoral Council
Minutes – January 15, 2019

In Attendance: Chris Boland, Patrick Bryant, Tom Feick, David Fink, Mark Gaza, Yo Grego, Patrick Jendraszak, Katie Kumler, Stan Kwiatkowski, Michele Marxer, Eileen O. Metzger, Dave Orlando, Joe Muldoon, Judy Palmer, Msgr. Schaedel, and Pat Wachtel.

Absent: Fr. Joby Abraham, Nick Beckman, Ken Crook, Bruce Konicek, Todd Moore, Eric Spohn, and Jeff Whiting

Call to Order – Judy Palmer

Opening Prayer – Eileen Metzger

Review and Approval of October 2018 Minutes, as amended

In “Annual Report Spiritual Life Commission, “5:30am” is changed to “5:30PM”.

Chair Update – Judy Palmer

See Attached.

The Pastoral Council Constitution, Bylaws, and Conflict of Interest (COI) forms were distributed. Pastoral Council members are to sign the COI form and return to Judy. Forms will be emailed to those not in attendance to be signed and returned. Judy also reminded members that dates for ministry training sessions have been emailed to participating members.

Bishop Chatard Update – Rob Shumaker

This update has been postponed, as the information is not ready to present.

Capital Campaign Update – Msgr. Schaedel & Patrick Jendraszak

On January 8, 2019, members of St. Luke met with the archdiocese and presented the feasibility study for the proposed Capital Campaign. They received official permission to go forward with the campaign. The Archdiocese asked if we would continue to have a separate collection for the United Catholic Appeal and Stewardship, or if these would be rolled into the Capital Campaign. St. Luke will continue to keep these separate. A few changes: 1) they decided to engage the company that did the feasibility study to help staff the campaign. St. Luke will house 1 full time person in an office at the parish, thru June. That is the anticipated date for reaching the campaign funding goal and to start collecting on the pledges. By paying upfront, St. Luke was able to save 6% of the fee. 2) They are scaling back the Pre-school project. Greg Jacoby isn't done with the revisions to see what this will include. 3) Consideration is being given to adding a project to the campaign based upon the interests of Jack Woodside's friends and family to contribute to a project in his honor. Thus, there is a possibility adding a portico to be built north of the playground. This would be dedicated to Jack Woodside, who was the 1st Athletic Director at St. Luke, and passed away in 2018. It would be used for various parish events, such as hot dog night, athletic events, and even recess. The planning process is still underway as to what such a portico might be in terms of design, size and cost.

Annual Report – Stewardship Commission – Yo Grego

Stewardship is on track. The directory has been updated and is on track for another distribution. No other items to report at this time.

Quarterly Report – Finance Council – Stan Kwiatkowski

It is anticipated that St. Luke will have a deficit of aprox \$100,000 this year. Collections were very disappointing for December, aprox \$17,000 under budget, or about 1.5% down from where they should be. However, collections in general are up; we are about \$9,000 ahead of this time last year. The school started with 571 families. We lost some and gained some, and currently have 575 families. Regardless, the school is at a projected loss of aprox \$110,000, due to tuition shortfalls, expenses, and the cafeteria, which is losing money. The cafeteria manager and Patrick are attempting to collect on delinquent accounts.

Years ago, excess funds (aprox. \$66,000) were put into a self-restricted account for any unforeseen but necessary school expenses. These funds could be used to help offset the large school deficit.

18% of students at St. Luke get some sort of financial aid. St. Luke collects aprox \$300,000 from vouchers, \$60,000 from SGO's, and \$25,000 from the parish. Our tuition is one of the lowest in the north deanery. School Commission will be increasing the rate, and is also talking about re-structuring the way fees are charged and collected (IE: wrap some of the fees into the tuition to make the cost of attendance more transparent). The only staff they've added is a math specialist, looking at the program as a whole.

A question was raised about how legislative actions are being monitored especially with respect to changes in the voucher system or other legislative changes potentially impacting our school. Msgr Schaedel said the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) does

this. There was talk about marketing what our school has to offer, perhaps involving alumni. Msgr. mentioned that one of our alumni, Mathias Benko, was just named a Wells Scholar!

The pre-school is raising rates 2% starting in August. The staff has been told to cap any salary increases to this same rate. The pre-school has a few families delinquent in payments. Since there is a waiting list, these families will be replaced if payment is not made.

Buildings and Grounds is compiling a list of projects; however, there may not be excess funds to pull from. The maintenance fund would be used for anything that can't wait.

Commission and Council Updates

School Commission – Katie Kumler

School report was given with Stan's report, as questions about the school arose.

Evangelization Task Force – Bruce Konicek & Nick Beckmann

No update, both absent.

Stewardship Commission – Yo Gregor

No update.

Faith Formation & Catechesis Commission – Pat Wachtel

There will be a change in the Lenten Soup Suppers, speakers will have a "theme". This year, the 1st 2 sessions will be a mini-retreat on the Spirituality of Lent. The next 3 sessions will be a topic chosen by retired Archabbot O'Riley, who is a fabulous speaker.

The commission is looking into programs for evangelization. Sr. Diane purchased "Kerygma" and plans to have some volunteers try it out. Mark Garza suggested she look into "Credo" for the RCIA program.

Christian Social Action Committee – Chris Boland

CSAC met earlier this week. They voted on 6 applications, and 3 are pending: an orphanage in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, an expansion for the SVDP food pantry, and transportation for a mission trip for Cathedral High School. They are waiting for additional information before making a decision.

Finance Council – Stan Kwiatkowski

See Quarterly update above. No further update.

Parish Life Commission – Patrick Bryant

See attached.

Spiritual Life Commission – Eileen O. Metzger

St. Luke Spiritual Night of Renewal was held on January 7, 2019. It was well attended. About 90 feedback forms were turned in, and feedback was mixed. Some did not like the speaker, saying he was long-winded and went off topic. People also complained about the acoustics. It may be that the speaker had the microphone hooked up incorrectly, since there is not a problem on Sundays; however, it was mentioned that it would be prudent to have someone inspect the current system. The system was put in aprox 10 years ago, with the last Capital Campaign.

New Business- None

Business Managers Report – Patrick Jendraszak

Staff did a great job clearing the snow for services. Msgr. Mentioned that perhaps they could get to the rectory earlier!

The archdiocese has received some large endowments from Lilly, including \$5 million for St. Mary's Child Center, and \$1 million for the Holy Family Shelter.

Pastor's Overview/Closing Comments - Msgr. Joseph Schaedel

There have been some cars parked in the parking lot late at night, that do not belong there. They are watching this and reporting any suspicious activity to the Meridian Hills Security.

Msgr. Closed with a funny story...

Judy led us with the Our Father and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Metzger for Nick Beckmann