

St. Luke Pastoral Council  
Minutes – February 18, 2020

In Attendance: Fr. Joby Abraham, Nick Beckmann, Chris Boland, Gordon Brooks, Tom Feick, David Fink, Patrick Jendraszak, Michele Marxer, Dave Orlando, Judy Palmer, Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, Frank Short, Pat Wachtel, Jeff Whiting

Absent: Patrick Bryant, Mark Garza, Yo Grego, Katie Kumler, Stan Kwiatkowski, Michele Marxer, Eileen O Metzger, Dave Orlando, Dean Weseli

Opening Prayer

January 2020 Meeting Minutes Approved

**Opening Comments– Judy Palmer**

Reviewed revised parish mission statement and proposed pastoral council purpose statement, a few small changes to parish mission statement (added 'joyful' and period after worship, second sentence, We are...)

Proposed Pastoral Council (PC) Purpose Statement was approved (see attached)

Discussed proposed commission reporting schedule (see attached), discussed annual update for each ministry, school will still report on semi-annual basis, finance team will continue to report annually, but also update during each meeting. Made some slight changes to proposed order by spreading out a little more and adjusting school commission report out to March/April, moved Spiritual Life Commission report out to May meeting

Discussion around pastoral council nominations, discussed in January meeting opening a portion of the nominations to be elected by parish (similar to school commission), Eileen and Nick will be falling off PC due to maximum terms, Dave/Judy will stay on for another 3 yrs., will only need one person to join PC in next term since we have been a little over this year (# of at large members), due to having only one open space to fill agreed to postpone election process discussion until next year (2021) to see if it would make more sense to try then as this change will require by-law changes, etc. Nick to serve as nominating chairperson, will place item in bulletin asap to let parish know we are accepting nominations.

No PC meeting on March 17 (due to St Patrick's Day), moving to April 21<sup>st</sup> (since after Easter)

**Finance Update- Patrick Jendraszak**

\$125k behind budget primarily driven by Sunday collections are down thru first 7 mos. of parish fiscal year. Working to try to identify cause, will be some ramifications to this shortfall this year and as we budget for next fiscal year asking for various groups to submit 'bare bone' budget(s) while understanding priorities if further funds materialize that would allow for increased spending, looking at any other sources of income that could be used to offset expenses. Have not looked at how this compares to last year at this point in time (collections), most of the shortfall is attributed to gifts not coming in during Mass or mailed to us (not from EFT changes), discussion around demographic shift (people moving to FL, retirement community, etc.), also some discussion around back lash on capital campaign (supporting capital campaign, but not giving on Sundays) and possibly other things (Brebeuf, child abuse, etc.)

Discussion around how to maintain relationship with parishioners moving into retirement communities that might offer Mass, etc.

We need to focus on getting more people to contribute financially (versus relying on a few)

Overall very blessed at St Luke, even with budget shortfall

Is there a demographic shift occurring within our parish....that might lead to larger challenges down the road, next 5-10 yrs.

**IT/Communications Update & Discussion - Patrick Jendraszak and Mark Garza**

Starting to meet with various vendors, not much to update at this time, will be able to provide detailed update in April

### **Evangelization Update & Discussion – Tom Feick**

Evangelization committee met in early February, we now have Parish mission statement and PC purpose statement in place, next step will be to meet with commission heads to have them review/incorporate evangelization within their respective mission statement

Would like to have meeting with staff at top of org chart as the next step (confirm commission heads), announce the idea to approach each ministry

Asking each ministry to do three things - Develop purpose statement, Identify a patron saint for each ministry, Annually review purpose statement and how is that fulfilling purpose of evangelization

Should we consider evangelization committee that works on parish evangelization progress (versus having an ad-hoc committee), discussed talking about this more at the next meeting, Msgr. supported this idea, would like to see this group at the top.

Challenge is how to meet with all ministries, discuss with commission heads at high level, we need to have parish staff very involved in this process

Discussion around provide evangelization updates in bulletin, maybe highlighting each ministry and progress made toward evangelization within each ministry, sharing revised purpose statement, etc.

A lot of positive feedback around patron saint idea, also look to have patron saint for our PC (discussion in April)

### **Business Manager's Report – Patrick Jendraszak**

An opening for our part time coordinator position to be posted in bulletin

### **Pastor's Overview/Closing Comments – Msgr. Joseph Schaedel**

Comments around Diocese of Wichita is the premier dioceses in country for stewardship, their approach is getting people involved in the life of the church

Comments around success of capital campaign is probably having an impact on Sunday collections as well as sex abuse scandal, younger people not attending Mass is having impact on giving, 'the devil wants us to be discouraged'

### **New Business**

Jeff W mentioned recent parish they attend in FL that handed out prayer cards (Holy Family) as they welcomed the parishioners to Mass. Discussed doing simple things like this at St Luke, possibly including information about Mass times, etc. that parishioners could share with others easily (act of handing somebody something). Discussed Knights will be doing something similar before Masses this coming weekend. Maybe ministries could highlight their patron saints as well, we could do something similar on St Luke feast day, etc.

### **Commission and Council Updates**

Chris Boland provided update for Christian Social Action (see attached)

No other written updates received

### **Closing Prayer/Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Beckmann