

**Minutes** for St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council November 12, 2019 Meeting  
Prepared by: Vice Chair Darrin Greer

Linda Hill (✓)                      Fred Bermudez (exc)    Darrin Greer (✓)    Bob Reid (✓)  
Patrick Mahan (✓)                Ed Condon (✓)            Gary Myrick (✓)    Melba Hinojosa (✓)  
Janet Vitt (exc)                    Francine Freitas (✓)    Jo Gonsalves (✓)    Kent Meyers (✓)  
Father D. O'Reilly (✓)    Emer McKenna (✓)

**Welcome and Roll Call**

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Bob Reid
- Attendance was confirmed by Darrin Greer

**Opening Prayer**

- Led in chorus by Darrin Greer

**Minutes of October 8, Meeting reviewed and approved**

**Parishioner Guests Presentation**

- Lani Curby, Lila Stevens, Virginia Ferrare (Spelling ?)
  - Presentation of concerns regarding cleaning and maintenance of courtyard in relation to Step Ministry guests with particular concern regarding smoking policy.
  - Issue will be referred to Step Ministry Administration for further analysis.

**Presentation and Q & A by School Principal – Mr. Hrga**

- School in process for gaining International Baccalaureate Program Designation (IB).
  - Hope for primary grade authorization by January.
  - Look for middle school authorization by 2020-2021 school year.
- School currently has a Resource Teacher for special needs and gifted student population.
- Currently 315 students slightly down from 325 budget calculation (not unusual).
  - Losses mostly due to fluid nature of parent population with government appointments.
- Small but positive turnout for Alumni Event on (11/5). Expect additional event on April 26, 2020.
- Students performing above national average on STAR and ACT standardized exams.
- 100 % acceptance rate to Catholic High Schools
  - All but 6 of 34, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went onto Catholic High School in 2019.
- 2019 Auction and Gala the most successful to date.
- Questions/Comments for Mr. Hrga
  - Kent Meyers: Thank you to parent volunteers and Principal for supporting the Alumni event (community building). Many parishioners went to school or have familial connections to the school.
  - Father Des: Older congregants would like an earlier start to the event in the future. Is student choir singing for Kings?
    - Yes
    - Kings in March, Rivercats in April
    - Wonderful school atmosphere with wonderful family involvement and a

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wonderful Principal.

**Parishioner Input**

- In regards to Step Ministry Cleaning
  - Vote taken regarding recommendation of smoking ban at Step Ministry.
    - 6 approved, 5 disapprove (no consensus)
    - Recommendation is that designated area be offered as a compromise with ultimate goal being “smoke free” site.
    - Recommendation that proposal for analysis be sent to Amanda Evans (Business Manager).

**Pastor’s Report**

- Response to sexual abuse crisis (US Bishops)
  - No halls named after clerical personnel
  - Many names of halls and buildings have been removed and/or names changed
  - Nationwide and worldwide movement
  - Brunsman Hall might be considered
    - Taking his name down prematurely would invite a lot of controversy and emotion

**Chair’s Report**

- Given over to Patrick M. to discuss Christmas Party plan/location.
  - 36 minute drive to his home in Lincoln
  - Party from 4 – 7pm (generous offer, greatly appreciated and accepted)
  - December 15th

**Old Business (from 10/8)**

- Liturgically it is preferred that congregants listen to lector rather than be provided the reading text
- Hearing devices can be provided
- Tom Sweetman resignation has been accepted
- Offer will be made to Sue Kenney (Spelling?) for vacated spot
- Staff Liaison Presentation
  - Presentation of Annual Mass Counts for October
  - Pretty steady over 3 year period
  - Advent
    - Presentation of new advent wreath
    - New Missal Procedure for Alter (introduced)

**Finance Council**

- Financing for roof was less than expected (approx. \$48,000.00)
  - Received a bequest that covered the cost.
- We may want to consider plaques on the pews to memorialize parishioners
  - Could also dedicate trees

**Liturgy Committee**

- For Advent there will be wreaths and purple bows on external doors.

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- Advent books will be available
- Prayer Before the Crucifix will replace Prayer of St. Francis during Advent.
- Baby Jesus from Nativities will be blessed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**School**

- No Report

**Membership**

- Tom Sweetman resignation, Sue Kenney offered position

**Parish Safety**

- No report

**B & G Committee**

- No report

**Step Ministry Report**

- Getting ready for Thanksgiving, volunteers, supplies for guests, adjustments to tightening of rules
- Michelle and Amanda will be generating a report.

**Faith Formation**

- 94 Children participating
- RCIA, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 12 Adults, 5 Children
- Would like more youth led Masses
- Handout Provided

**Ministries of Care Review Committee**

- Handout Provided
- Adopted statement of objectives
- 9 members
- Cataloging existing ministries
- Will be meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:30 in Chapel
- Goal of reducing redundancies, some crossover w/ Stewardship Committee

**Directory Project**

- A formal letter of concern has been sent and not responded to as of this date. (2 weeks old)
- Would like to move forward by getting electronic copies of photos to create our own directory

**Next Meeting(s)**

- December 15<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party in Lincoln
- January 14<sup>th</sup> in Brunsmann Hall
  - Opening Prayer- Linda Hill
  - Closing Prayer- Melba Hinojosa