

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

Attendance: Doris Champagne, Janet Schnoebelen, Liz Sanning, Ryan Gerling, Mary Rosenberg, Father Marty Goetz, Father Bill Roush, Deacon Bob Glaser, LuAnn Glaser

Father Marty called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The opening prayer was the diocesan prayer to be used as we await a new Bishop. Father Marty thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Father Marty explained that after the meeting on January 12th, Dan Ebener met with Bishop Amos, and the next steps were outlined. A transitional parish council and transitional finance council is formed to serve for a period of about a year, beginning with the present active members. The parish council and the finance council of each parish are to pass a formal motion of support for a resolution calling for the formation of the two parishes into one. The corporate board of each parish is to pass a motion stating, "After consultation with parishioners in an open meeting on January 12, 2017, and after receiving support from both parish councils and both finance councils, the parish corporate boards recommend merging the parishes of SS. John and Paul and SS. Mary and Patrick into one." The names of two lay trustees for the new parish are submitted to Bishop Amos. Relative to the name of the new parish, parishioners are asked to submit a name and rationale for that name. The parish leadership is asked to reach consensus on a name for the parish among the names submitted by parishioners. If consensus is not possible within the parish leadership, three potential names can be presented to the parishioners for a vote.

Father Marty asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the meeting on January 12th.

The Finance Council met earlier in the evening and indicated they wanted the merger process to be transparent. They suggested Father Marty preach at all of the Masses on one weekend about the merger. The Finance Council would like all parishioners to be involved in the process.

Father Marty shared that a plan developed in 2010 to address two priests serving all of the parishes in the county had a Mass schedule, and the present Mass schedule came from that document.

There was no discussion.

The motion was made: As a member of SS. John and Paul, Burlington, Iowa Pastoral Council, I support the formation of the parishes of SS. Mary and Patrick, West Burlington, and SS. John and Paul, Burlington, into one parish with a name to be determined. A roll call vote followed: Doris Champagne – yes, Ryan Gerling – yes, Mary Rosenberg – yes, Liz Sanning – yes, Janet Schnoebelen – yes, Father Marty – yes, Father Bill – yes. Voting by e-mail due to inability to attend the meeting: Keli Oleson - yes, Steve Vorwerk – yes. Motion carried.

Father Marty then asked each member if they were willing to be a member of the transitional pastoral council. The results: Doris Champagne – yes, Ryan Gerling –

yes, Mary Rosenberg – yes, Liz Sanning – yes, Janet Schnoebelen – yes, Keli Oleson – yes, and Steve Vorwerk – yes.

In other business, Father Marty shared that there are lots of inserts in the bulletin. The bulletin can be expanded. Jenny Cagle is resigning from her position as administrative assistant effective January 27th but will not be replaced. Sue Crabb will be taking over the bulletin. The parish office will be located at SS. Mary and Patrick. As for the rectory at SS. Mary and Patrick, there are a number of options, when the construction is completed on the church: sell it to the Knights of Columbus, rent it out, remodel and use it for offices, Children's Liturgy, and meeting rooms.

The Finance Council will be meeting with Andy Gaertner to address fund raising for repair of the churches' windows.

There is a concern that the announcements at Mass are too long.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser
SS. John and Paul PAR Coordinator