

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2017

Attendance: Father Marty, Father Bill, Keli Oleson, Liz Sanning, Doris Champagne, Tom Chicken, Kent Wilson, Dave Ehret, Steve Vorwerk, Janet Schnoebelen, Ryan Gerling, Deacon Bob Glaser, Maureen Rowland, LuAnn Glaser

Father Marty called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

The report from the Administration Commission indicated their commission meeting talked about remodeling SSMP. A suggestion was made to step back and look at the construction, but it was indicated the process had been explained and we need to move on. Concerns was raised about knowing the building code, wanting the construction done in a hurry, considering hiring a contractor that would increase the cost, using volunteers which can become a liability issue. Jerry Strause and John Bentler have a well thought out plan about what they are planning to do, but not everyone is on the same page. Father Bill indicated there are questions to be answered as to what is code, what should be hired out, what Jerry and John can do. He suggested that both buildings and grounds commissions meet ASAP to discuss the issues. Father Marty said there was a meeting of the two building and grounds committees three weeks ago but not everyone was present. It was the belief of the members in attendance at that meeting that there was no discussion of offices at that meeting as they were discussing goal setting and budget. The timeline to have the construction done is July 1. It was recommended that Jerry Strause should meet with the West Burlington Building Inspector to determine if the plan meets city code. Dave Ehret, co-chair of the council, shared that the SSMP vs. SSJP mind set has to end, since we are going to be one parish. We need to be transparent and need to stop incorrect rumors.

It was shared that the redoing of the windows at St. John and St. Paul is causing rumors.

Father Marty indicated that going back and forth between the two parish offices is extremely taxing on the priests. It was recommended to have Barb Brown, business manager, in the new office by May 1 and Father Bill in the new office by July 1.

A member of the Administration Commission indicated the entire Administration Commission should be invited to a buildings and grounds committee meeting. Father Marty responded that a meeting couldn't be scheduled without informing the office. There was no member of the Worship Commission or the Formation Commission present to report on their commission meeting. The Outreach Commission member present indicated the commission members are learning from each other. The Community Commission member indicated they had a good meeting.

Father Marty indicated he would meet with the Pastoral Council co-chairs to do work on vision, mission, and guiding values. The guiding values for SS. John and Paul are: prayer, study, and action.

Andy Gaertner, the Diocese of Davenport Director of Development, attended the last finance committee meeting and can help with a capital campaign, related to projects for all three buildings. Father Marty indicated people have told him to look at the Daly Trust and Will and he will follow it. Father is still considering lay directors and finance committee members, etc.

A motion was made by Liz Sanning to go by the new parish name by Easter, even though the merger will not be completed until July 1. Steve Vorwerk seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Kent Wilson made the motion to adjourn, Janet Schnoebelen seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser
SS. John and Paul PAR Coordinator