

Pastoral Council's Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023
UNAPPROVED Minutes

Attendance:

Father Robert, Joe Hinshaw, Deacon Gary Vanness, Roger Stanley, Randy Conrad, Ted Zabel, Carl Peterson, and Will Van Rossum.

Opening Prayer – 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve 1) Carl Peterson 2) Randy Conrad; unanimous.

Approval of Pastoral Council 03/16/23 Parish Minutes Joe made motion to amend the meeting minutes under the “Discuss Parishioner Involvement”. The second sentence should state NE team is working on the welcome packet. Motion to approve 1) Randy Conrad 2) Ted Zabel; unanimous.

Update on One-by-One Campaign: There has been 85% of our \$730k goal raised. Only \$109k needed. Around 64 families that have returned their envelop pledge. 47 have made a pledge. We are looking to wrap up the campaign by the third week of June. All pledges go directly to the diocese and 50% will automatically generate back to the parish.

Update on Strategic Plan: Will gave an update to the group on the progress made at the meeting. Dates were added to our plan along with the person and group established. There are few items that need to be finalized before the plan is considered complete. Terri will look to plan one more meeting before the summer months are here to accomplish this. Once finalized we will roll out to the parish to engage more members to help implement the plan.

Committee Reports

1) Finance Council – Will VanRossum (Randy Conrad)

- a. Approved funding the campus wide security improvements. This included the below.
 - i. Update the door locks.
 - ii. Apply film to windows strengthen the glass.
 - iii. Add Fobs to the elevator to secure the cafeteria.
 - iv. Add the door back in between parish office and hall leading to the church. This door will be secured. It will create a breeze way that secures all areas of the building.
 - v. Fobs will be installed on the cafeteria doors.
 - vi. Additional security cameras will be in.
- b. Rectory updates expenses were approved. These include:
 - i. The rubber roof on the rectory is currently rotten. It will be replaced by framing a pitch over the top of the existing rubber roof and covering it with steel.
 - ii. Various areas within the rectory will be painted.
- c. Requesting St. Edwards to contribute a 60/40 cost split on father's expense. Father confirmed that he splits his time 50/50.

2) School Advisory – Jen Otto

- a. None

3) New Evangelization – Roger Stanley

- a. None

4) Worship – Carl Peterson

We are considering sharing musicians with Saint Edward parish. They are losing both of their Musicians giving the idea worth consideration to split costs. Organ repair is being considered to be achieved through the One-by-One campaign assuming we meet or exceed our goal. First communion went well. Church was decorated for Easter, and mass was well attended.

5) Stewardship – Joe Hinshaw

Volunteer booklet is finalized with an expectation of a few minor edits from fathers. We plan to put it on the website and ensure the information on the website is updated to mirror the message in the booklet the data on the website. There was one new lector who is signed up to participate.

6) Hospitality – Ted Zabel

Social Sundays have been going well. There was a few held after the 7am mass as well as the 10:30am mass. Even though these events are well attended, there are still many people continuing to walk past without engaging. The hope is to get a few more at each event to get members socializing with one another.

7) Building and Grounds – Randy Conrad

Most of this was covered under the finance section with the approved safety projects around the campus. In addition to these projects, campus signage will be placed to help guide visitors to the right areas and doors. The back parking lot will be resealed after Country Fest. The front parking lot will be restriped. The boiler project (funded by 1x1 campaign) will likely be completed next years. It was suggested that the committee begins getting bids now. With the project being over \$100k, it will need to get approval by the dioceses which does take time.

Deacon Gary – Celebrating 10 years as our Deacon. Thank you for your services!

Pastor's Report – Father will be blessing of the graduates during this weekend's mass 5/20/23. There is some consideration to have one special mass for all first communions in 2024. This will be a separate mass from all children making their first communion. It will allow all to be at the same mass. The diocese is going to a regional confirmation. Saint Edwards will be the regional site hosting future Saint Nicholas confirmation candidates. St. Nicholas is at 93% of the bishop's appeal with hopes of being 100% funded by the end of May.

The list of St. Nicholas members was discussed. Each committee member is going to review the list and add notes to shared file on information on the members list. The goal is to determine how many true members St. Nicholas has.

Finance Committee changed the standing meeting to the First Thursday of each month. First meeting will be August 3, 2023. This will allow for conversation to continue and not be rushed to finish in time for the Council meeting. With this change there is an option to move the time up for the council meeting. This will be discussed further via email.

The parish annual meeting was discussed. It was decided to host this meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2023, following the 10:30am mass, in the St. Teresa Hall. This will also be in collaboration with a Sunday social.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2023, at **TBD**

Closing prayer

Motion to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. 1) Randy Conrad 2) Roger Stanley; Unanimous.

Submitted by: William Van Rossum