

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 2018

Attending: Shari Showalter, Duane Kelch, Dick Nelson, Sue Basye, Judy Nelson, Greg Cavazos, Dawn Collins, Father Tony and Father Kevin

The opening prayer was given by Father Tony in the church.

Chairperson Shari Showalter called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm

The minutes from the February 27, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Duane Kelch, seconded by Terry Carr to approve the minutes, with the only correction being the question mark removed from those in attendance. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds: Shari will contact Scott Strother regarding the shingling of the parsonage.

Liturgy Committee: Judy Nelson reported and presented the minutes from their March 22, 2018 meeting. She recapped the lenten services. Judy has resigned as of June 30th, 2018. Sue Basye has been nominated as her replacement. The RCIA program has three adults and three children in the inquiry stage. It was suggested that when Mass times change in May that the Rosary be led before Sunday morning Mass.

Financial Council: A financial report was presented by Ron Schermer via email and given by Shari Showalter. Financials were presented through February 28, 2018. It was noted by Ron that total income is projected to be \$18,000 to \$20,000 in the negative at the end of the fiscal year.

The Scrip program sales are \$16,590.00 with an earnings of \$582.75. Dick Nelson discussed that we are just getting started with this program and it is projected that it will increase as it has only been six months.

The budgeting process is still in process as they are waiting for the various groups to report.

Faith Formation Commission: Jolene reported that First Reconciliation was held on March 14th. First Communion will be held on May 6th. "Fill the Ark" was held and it is similar to the rice bowls, but they buy animals for third world countries. Andrea Miller and Jolene held a session with the high school classes on confession and reconciliation. A Lenten play was held by the fourth graders and a confirmation meeting was held.

New Business: Dawn Collins was appointed the recording secretary.

Pastoral Council vacancies were discussed. A new election will be held in May, three openings will need to be filled. It was suggested by Duane Kelch that a one year term, a two year term and a three year term be filled at this time. Father Tony noted it was important that a ballot process is used to elect the council members. It was also

suggested that the ballot have a write in option. Duane Kelch will contact church members to run on the ballot. A biography of each candidate will be needed and ballots prepared. Father Tony will make an announcement at Mass.

Father Tony discussed the proposed staff changes regarding adding a Business Manager and a Pastoral Associate.

Business Manager: Father Tony stated that the Pastoral Council of the churches remain and they have final recommendation but approval will be given by the Pastor. It was added to the job description that it was preferred that they be a Catholic in good standing. Father Tony discussed that this position was needed as he prepares to leave as there is currently four different groups doing four different things. The Business Manager would handle the details of the day to day business, this would streamline the administrative details while maintaining the autonomy of each parish. They would be the communicator among all the parishes.

Pastoral Associate: The intent of the Pastoral Associate is to continue the outreach that Father Kevin and Judy Nelson have begun. There is a great need to continue outreach to our hispanic community. This person would be located at St. Patricks but would also work in the other parishes as needed.

Both positions would be funded according to the five year plan set forth at the joint meeting of pastoral councils.

A motion was made by Terry Carr, seconded by Greg Cavazos to continue with hiring process for both positions: Business Manager and Pastoral Associate. Motion Passed.

Proposed Sale of Rectory: Duane Kelch and Brad Staley have determined that the rectory proposed sale value is \$139,900 with a new roof. The process necessary to sell the rectory was presented by Ron Schermer via email. Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of selling the rectory,

A motion was made by Terry Carr, seconded by Greg Cavazos to proceed with the sale of the rectory. The sale will be handled by Castle, Dick & Kelch with assistance from Brad Staley. Motion passed.

Father Tony will make the announcement at Mass in two weeks that the rectory will be going up for sale.

Parish Census Review: A review of the census was discussed and what the best group would be to handle this. It was decided that Father Tony will ask Judy Nelson and Jolene to head up a committee to review the census.

A closing prayer was given by Father Tony.

A motion was made by Duane Kelch, seconded by Terry Carr to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn M. Collins, Recording Secretary

REMINDERS: May 1st at 6:30 Cluster Meeting at Iowa Falls  
Next Pastoral Council Meeting May 8th at 5:30 St. Patricks Church