



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

Attendees: Fr. Brian, Deacon Chris Rauch, Jeannette Fromm, Meghann Naveau, Marty McClain, Laura Lipnitz, Cheri Rotterman

PAC Members present: Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Sarah Chivers, Tom Kwest, Shawn Norris, Melissa Bennett, Lisa Barhorst, Chris Gardner, Chuck Destefani, Karen Cwiekalo, Deb Franz

PAC Members absent: Dan Driskell

Welcome: Fr. Brian/Lisa Barhorst
Opening prayer

Approval of June meeting minutes- Motion approved, seconded and approved by all.

Staff Report: Deacon Chris

Clarification that our excess tuition monies were divided between Holy Angels and St. Benedict the Moor. See report for full details.

Social Action: Meghann Naveau: Social Action Committee met last week & continues working on a Catholic Social Teaching 101 type curriculum for the fall. Ongoing sharing of information through the monthly newsletter

Faith Formation: Cheri Rotterman- The committee is reevaluating how we operate, our function and how we proceed forward.

Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm- The June Candle Light Mass went well and so how can we do it again and enhance the experience. They are thinking of what to do next and make it special.

Finance: Deacon Chris- The last fiscal year report is done and a two page report will be made available to the Parish. We collected more than \$450,000 above the budget, which was reduced due to Covid. We received over \$200,000 more in regular donations plus over \$20,000 from an insurance claim and additional \$70,000+ from estate donations. One of the seven members may be leaving, such that a new member may be sought. They also reviewed the finance charter. They meet quarterly. Finances are in good shape.

Youth Ministry: Laura Lipnitz- Laura will be our representative for Youth Ministry, she is a Junior at Bellbrook High School, welcome Laura. Her update: D-cells will continue meeting Sunday afternoon and evenings as well as Wednesday evenings. They have met over the summer for movie nights, games and gatherings to welcome new people. They joined with Ascension & St Albert the Great for a summer Mission in My Back Yard, including work at the Dakota Center, St. Vincent de Paul, 5 Rivers Metro Park, Victory Project, Dayton Food Bank, and Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The National Catholic Youth Conference will be in November in Indianapolis with 15 attendees, youth and adults, from St. Francis.

Business Updates: Deacon Chris- The acoustic panels may arrive early. Roof and parking maintenance has been delayed due to the weather but should begin soon. Deacon Chris is now part of the Diocesan team for Beacons of Light.

Fr. Brian Discussion- Mass changes are working well and not anticipated to change significantly for now. Adaptions for servers are in place to minimize close quarters, with the parents sitting in the pew behind them. The albs are cleaned after individual use as well. Masks are recommended but not required. Lectors are using the ambo. Work needs to be done to help coordinate the servers and Eucharistic Ministers' schedules and logistics, particularly updating the contact list.

We welcome our new intern Ben Mersh, his bio is in the bulletin.

Beacons of Light will be receiving insights from the Pastors in September on the development of Families of Parishes. We anticipate going from 109 to 60 regions, from 12 to 6 deaneries over the next 5-7 years. In October parishioners will be able to provide comments and suggestions for review. Some items to address over time: How are staffs affected; how are finances within a Family handled. This will be an ongoing process over years.

An inquiry was made into a presentation at Mass regarding the use of our Time, Talents and Treasures to solicit volunteers, and a discussion of the use of the bulletin for this as well. The Gifted and Called Personal Discernment Process was suggested to be promoted during this discussion. End of Mass announcements are limited, primarily for Beacons of Light updates, but not for general ministries requests.

New Business: Lisa Barhorst- New PAC members (not formally notified) will be John Maqsud, Lynn Stuart, Dave Laurash, John Hoffmann and Mary Gutman. Carry over members for one more year will be Tom Kwest, Deb Franz, Cathy Frank and Chris Gardner, for the purpose of additional stability and insights during the Beacons of Light transitions. Chuck Destefani will take the minutes for the next sessions.

New Initiative: Marty McClain- The Parish leadership has undertaken the Three Conversations program and this in turn has been done by the staff and now is being suggested to PAC and others in the next levels of the Parish. It is a program where 3-5 individuals plus two leaders meet to;

- 1) Discuss our personal needs
- 2) Share our Faith journey
- 3) Discuss how we live out our ministry and mission in everyday life.

The sessions are 60-90 minutes are designed to help us in our prayer life, spiritual health, teamwork and discipleship.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Closing Remarks: Lisa/Fr. Brian- Thank You.

Closing prayers: Fr. Brian