

St. Francis Borgia Pastoral Council Minutes
February 6, 2024 – Tuesday 6:30pm
Parish Office-Conference Room

Pastoral Council Elected Members Present:

Bob Shimp, Chris Frommell, Jennie Mulcahy, Beth Anderson, Ben Kessler, Christina Garni (phone)
David Krier, Tim Briscoe, Olivia Rapavi

Trustees: Joe Carlson and Joe Schirger remote voice attendance

Clergy: Pastor: Father Patrick Burns, Associate Pastor: Father Matthew Ferch

Meeting began at 6:35 pm with Opening Prayer led by Bob Shimp

I. Finance Update Joe Schirger

- Began fiscal year with a budget deficit
- Have had strong stewardship response
- 11% increase in giving over prior fiscal year which allows parish to cover most of the deficit
- Moving forward with budget process for next fiscal year
- 2 open parish staff positions (this also accounts for budget “surplus”)
- Parishioner support trend needs to continue
- Goal is to present balanced budget to Archdiocese
- School budgeting also underway

II. Stewardship Update: Joe Carlson

- Census Results:
 - Adding younger families/parishioners ages 25-35
 - 65+ age demographic decreasing- this loss is more noticeable because known within parish so their absence is more apparent than new members who are not as recognizable
 - Membership holding steady at 1800 families

III. Approval of January 2024 Minutes

Two spelling corrections were made. Chris Frommell motioned to approve the minutes and David Krier seconded the motion. January minutes are approved.

IV. Pastor Report

- The new marriage program is going well. Couples mentored by another couple of their choosing. Program is virtue based
- Staff doing well with work around all parish programs

- South Church- looking forward to renovations beginning after Easter. Liturgical Consultant assisting. There will be a communion rail at South Church
- Adoration planning is still being evaluated for when renovations begin
- Lenten project at SFB will be working with St Rose to assist with kitchen renovation project

V. Associate Pastor Report:

- Gearing up for Lent
- Approximately 10 people will be participating in RCIA this year
- Adult Formation program during Lent: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre has 50 people registered- exciting but will need to break out into smaller discussion groups
- Staff continue to collaborate for CF programs- please pray for an increase in volunteers to help keep programs going strong, and for donations of time to support existing programs
- CGS program needs more volunteers to say “yes” to training

VI. OKR Committee Updates:

- **Catholic Identity-**
 - Chris is working with Yvonne to gather data on attendance and sacraments and will discuss with Christina
 - Adoration committee planning phone-a-thon to check in with parishioners and invite them to commit to an Adoration time slot
- **Evangelization-**
 - Olivia is reaching out to Catie W to discuss/form long term plan for evangelization with goals and purpose. She will represent Parish staff and share information regarding CF activities
 - Reach More: Tim will meet with Stacy
 - Dave meeting with Fr Patrick to identify target groups
- **Stewardship-**
 - Important to make sure we set up for success
 - Working to invite more parishioners to join stewardship committee by word of mouth (personal invitation)
 - Plan to host event (suggestion of something like LC “soup and substance” or St Francis Borgia Feast Day picnic)
 - At above event share information on parish activities and engage parishioners to participate in outreach programs and increase volunteer base
 - Planned Giving was not well attended but for those that did attend there was positive results
 - Knight of Good Cheer will be a sign-up event at School Auction. Minimal dollar amount will be set.

VII. Committee Updates

- Moved to March meeting

VIII. School Open House

- 239 students already enrolled for next school year (current students 302)
- 62 students are in the 3K/4K programs
- Small open house with 10 new families attending. 5 families enrolled students

IX. Upcoming Events

- Clergy Dinner April 16, 2024
- SFB School Auction April 27, 2024 (will have PC table for those interested)

Please be prepared to give committee updates at March meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with closing prayer led by Fr Patrick

Next meeting is changed to **March 12, 2024, at 6:30pm**