

St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Triangle, VA
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2019 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE - 9:30AM in the Brother Juniper Room.

- a. Members present were Fr. John O'Connor, OFM, Pastor, Terry Danner (Chair), Jean Allen, Maggie Eves, John Hales, Clarence Neason, Dan Sullivan, Ulli Vaerst, Dr. Tricia Barber (Principal), and Marv Floom (Finance Council)
- b. Members Absent were Phil Bongiorno, Angelica Salguero, Michelle Nicolai, Chuck O'Hern, Pequitte Schwerin, and Marianne Hayes (RE)

II. Opening Prayer - Fr. John O'Connor, OFM

III. Approval of Minutes - Minutes of the 21 September 2019 meeting were approved as corrected. These will be forwarded to Chanel Marquis for posting

IV. Old Business –

a) New Member Envelopes

Marv Floom of the Finance Council reported out on the suggestion for adding new member envelopes in the pews. This had been tried in the past, with little success, and the new pews do not have holders for them. There are new member envelopes in the vestibule of the Church. It was agreed that this would not go forward.

b) Solar Panels

The proposal put forth by the Care for Creation – to install solar panels or other carbon reducing approaches, is under investigation. There will be a briefing from a contractor involved in the Our Lady Queen of Peace project on 30 October in the St. Catherine's room. Maggie Eves continues to work with the Committee.

V. Finance Council Report – Marv Floom

- a) A quarterly report was provided of parish finances by area. Overall the total collected from all sources is ahead of last year, and ahead of budget.
- b) Overall parish expenses were slightly above budget.
- c) A Diocesan audit was completed of the 2018 budget year. There were 17 recommendations made, these are mostly minor matters. The overall audit report was very positive.
- d) Revenues for the school remain below goal, and Dr. Barber continues to address this.

VI. Pastor's Report – Fr. John

- a) Fr. John began by noting that Angelica Salguero was recently wed, This good news was offset by some continuing medical problems with her foot. We are asked to keep her and her family in our prayers.
- b) The parish lot resealing had some open items that are now completed, and the remaining portion of the cost will be paid.
- c) Provincial Ministry Consolidation – The review team reported out to the Provincial Administrator. There will be a briefing out to the Provincial Friars in November. Final briefings to affected ministries will be later.
- d) The Air Conditioning system in the Parish Center failed and is not effectively repairable. In coordination with the Diocese a plan to obtain funding (loan) and start the process with preparing for bids for a replacement will proceed. The heating system is not impacted. The Diocese approves any contract for the work.
- e) New Parishioner orientation continues to go well.
- f) VOICE will host a candidates meeting at St. Paul United Methodist in Woodbridge on Sunday, 20 October from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, the flyer is sent along with these minutes.

VII. St. Francis of Assisi School Report – Dr. Tricia Barber

- a) St. Francis of Assisi School was recognized with the National Blue-Ribbon Award for Exemplary High Performing Schools, and this is so noted on the website. There are only 362 Schools Nationwide Public and Private that are so honored
- b) St. Francis of Assisi School was awarded Purple Star Designation by the State of Virginia for excellence in supporting military connected children and their families.
- c) The Chili Cook Off will take place on 26 October – wear a costume, have some chili, enjoy yourself while doing good work.
- d) An Art Auction will take place on 16 November. This is an important fund raiser. Ashleigh Coons is leading this activity for the School.
- e) Prince William Park has a program that aligns with care for creation. However, it is an overnight program for students, and out of bounds for School guidelines. There may be other Park Program for environmental awareness that will work.
- f) The school continues to work on increasing enrollment.

VIII. Strategic Plan: Next Steps

Maggie eves reported she received the existing plans from the Parish and the School. The team is at work and hopes to complete work on this by December.

IX. Other

- a) Jean Allen noted that Francia Salguero has been nominated for Citizen of the year by a Fraternity.

b) Elections for positions within the Pastoral Council will take place at the next meeting.

X. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM, Saturday, December 14th in the Br. Juniper Room.

XI. Closing Prayer: Ulli Vaerst led the group in a closing prayer.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Sullivan