

Ss. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish

Pastoral Council 06/26/22

26 June 2022/ 3:00 PM / St. Joseph's Hall

ATTENDEES

Council: Anna Bauer, Kevin Gahagan, Mike Delgrosso, Bill Owens, Roger Parluski, Joanna Colavecchi

Staff:, Father Pat, Deacon Dave LaFortune, Deacon Doug Farwell

Guests: Finance and Strategic Planning Councils, Joe Crance, Chad Vitale, Suzanne Krebs, Kathy Bailey, Mark Houck.

Excused: Joe Machuga, Peter Olausson

AGENDA

Opening prayer - Father Pat offered the opening prayer

Strategic Planning Report - Joe Crance delivered a report on recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee. The recommendations were well received and appreciation to Joe and the committee for their work was offered. The Parish Council will consider the recommendations and prioritize them for implementation.

Agenda approval - Roger requested approval for the agenda. Mike approved, seconded by Joe. Unanimously agreed without changes.

Minutes of April 24 meeting - Dave motioned, Bill seconded, all approved.

Pastor's Remarks - Father Pat remarked on the Diocesan meeting to kick off the next three years of convocation. The procession was nice, enhancing our devotion to the Eucharist. Looking for ideas how we can continue it.

Business Manager Report

Financial Update - tabled until a future meeting as Peter is on vacation

Old Business

Charge for using worship site: Peter will address at a future meeting. Fr. Pat has discretion to waive as he sees a need.

By-laws: we still do not have a copy of parish by-laws to review. Fr. Pat will request from Dan Condon at the Diocese.

Tabernacles - Anna's husband will build 4-5 inch box structures to support and elevate them for both St. Stan's and St. Joe's. The council agreed to go forward with this plan.

Go over Pastoral Guidelines - questions/answers? Go over remaining pages at next meeting - discussion tabled until September meeting.

Pastoral Associate: Anna proposed that if we do not have a Pastoral Associate budgeted, we need to have 2-3 people who are familiar with the protocols for weddings, funerals, and other special church functions to be trained. Deacon Dave said to identify 1-2 people per worship site and he will train them.

Deacon Dave proposed that a part time Pastoral Associate could help the parish grow and we should think about it even if we don't have the money for a full time position. Fr. Pat has a book of selections to guide people through, but it is important to sit down with them and give them support.

Support at funerals are a good way to reach out to families and reestablish a connection with the church. Bill commented it would be good for all of us to reach out to people we know who are no longer attending and get people to reach out to them.

Safety Plans - Bill will start talking with buildings and grounds committee, and talk with Rich Wagar, about safety plans as this is viewed as a high priority given recent events.

New Business

Parish Picnic - Could be an important way to invite people back to the church. Middle of September. Joanna will do as much as she can to organize it. Bill will help. Agreed we will try to plan it and will discuss more in July meeting.

Any new volunteers - will discuss at July meeting. Fr. Pat will work to find new parish council members for discussion in July meeting.

Demolition of St. Stan's rectory - Demolition of the old rectory at St. Stan's was discussed. Concerns about asbestos in siding, but Deacon Doug recalls it was below the level of concern. A report was done in 2008 concerning the asbestos. Bill would like to go through the building and see if there are any items that could be removed before demolition and resold. For example, the oil heater. If building razed, space could be used for parking, a meditation garden, or outdoor gathering space.

Bill made a motion to ask the Diocese to have the building razed, Joanna seconded. Unanimously carried, Roger abstained.

Election of Officers - Kevin can continue, Anna will step down as Chair, need to find a new chair. Fr. Pat will look for candidates from St. Catherine's and St. Joseph's.

Next Meeting Next meeting is scheduled for 3pm on July 24, 2022 at St. Joseph's.

Closing Prayer - Fr. Pat gave the closing prayer.