

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting
May 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Building

Call meeting to order with a prayer by Alyssa 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Katie Ausdemore, Matt Brummett, Joanne Grote, Jean Hofmaster, Scott Konz, Liz Lyons.

Staff Present: Alyssa Beasley, RaeShelle Jensen.

Members Absent: Jenny Hall.

Staff Absent: Fr Danso (quarantining for medical reasons), Amy Ausdemore, Scott Brooks, Bernie Koch.

Minutes By: Joanne Grote

Approval of previous Pastoral Council meeting minutes:

1st Motion: Matt Brummett

2nd Motion: Scott Konz

All ayes.

Old Business:

1. Holidays/PTO/Sick Leave and the Handbook.
 - a. Matt added that the biggest change was adding a holiday to RaeShelle's schedule (8 holidays) and combining the vacation and sick leave.
 - b. Motion to recommend the above changes to Fr Danso:
 1. Joanne Grote
 2. Liz LyonsAll ayes.

New Business:

1. Father Danso Update and Going Away Celebration:

- a. When Fr Danso returned from Africa in February, he applied for US citizenship, but evidently there was a miscommunication between him and the bishop and the fact that he wanted to stay here in Neola. Fr Danso's last weekend at St Patrick/St Columbanus will be July 4-5, 2020. Fr Danso will spend July 6, 7, 8th moving and is not currently sure where he will be going to. Bishop from Ghana is requesting he come back home.
- b. St Patrick's was assigned a new priest effective July 9th. **Father Sylvester Omon Okoh**, is going from Chaplain CHI/Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, to Canonical Administrator of St Patrick Parish, Neola, and St Columbanus Parish, Weston.

2. Backdrop for Hall Stage (Scott Konz):

- a. No samples as RaeShelle could not go into the office today as Fr Danso is in isolation for an upcoming medical procedure.
- b. Curtains will not pass fire inspection. Back drop can come out 5-6 feet so refrigerators can stay up on stage. Scott worked with the only 2 companies there are and has picked curtains on rollers that anyone can move. Colors discussed – black in back and a neutral darker gray.
 1. Old curtains from Omaha Metropolitan, which changed name to Omaha Stage.
 2. Cost \$11K, which has already been approved by the Finance Council.

3. Timeline: 4-6 weeks to get it here once Omaha Stage receives from factory.
- c. Motion for dark gray:
 1. Jean H.
 2. Liz L.All ayes.
- 3. Thank You Celebration: Fr Danso, Bernie Koch, and Amy Ausdemore**
 - a. Different ideas were discussed for Amy Ausdemore and Bernie Koch's thank you for their years of service, combining that with Fr Danso's going away celebration. Finance Council has approved funding.
 - b. Discussed the possibility of an inside the hall celebration versus possible outside celebration with COVID-19 going on. Discussed getting a big tent for outside, not knowing about rain or heat.
 - c. RaeShelle said that Steve (her husband) volunteered to smoke the meat as long as it was all paid for with a small fee for time.
 - d. The discussion was tabled until the June 16th meeting when we would hopefully know more regarding gathering in the church and/or hall due to COVID-19.
- 4. VBS Update by Alyssa:**
 - a. Alyssa Beasley officially starts DRE office position on June 1st.
 - b. Tentative vacation bible school from July 13-17 with a theme of Mother Mary or Caring for Creation, hoping in person unless COVID restrictions will not allow that. In that case, Alyssa would plan a take home basket.
- 5. New Members:**
 - a. Katie Ausdemore will be done in June and is not planning on staying on the Pastoral Council.
 - b. The council does not meet over the summer months unless special meetings are needed, so no July/August meeting. September will start the new year.
 - c. Ideas were discussed and RaeShelle will send letters to the following people and was asked to let us know if she hears any feedback from either one of them.
 1. Lexi Cochran
 2. Rhea Gross.
- 6. Altar Servers:**
 - a. RaeShelle mentioned that altar servers will be needed.
 - b. Scott Brooks will be teaching the server training. (previously done by Bob Martin).

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

- 1st Motion: Matt Brummett
2nd Motion: Liz Lyons
All ayes.

Next Meeting: ~~Tuesday, June 16th @ 7 p.m.~~

****UPDATE: Meeting changed to Wednesday, June 10th @ 6:30 p.m. to discuss how mass will be handled since COVID-19 restrictions are being lifting for celebrating mass.****