

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Thursday October 11, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Tom Fangman, Kathy Moritz, Mike Rasmussen, Stacy Arndt, Kerry Benes, Brett Sims, John Beacom, Kevin Ortmeier, Ron Hawkins

Ryan Shanle: Athletic Committee Representative

Mark Niedzwiecki: School Advisory Board Representative

Mary McMahon: Parish Staff Representative

**ABSENT:** Brent Harris, Charles Olson

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Tom Fangman opened with prayer at 7:03pm

**CONTINUING FORMATION:** "If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat" - Chapter 2 Reflection - The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:** no changes, will be sent to Kathy Moritz for publishing

**COMMITTEE/STAFF UPDATES**

Athletic Committee (Ryan Shanle): football, vb, cheerleading, soccer going on right now, record number of kids participating in events, seeing lots of successes, micro soccer is over 220 kids now, using the new soccer field, CYSL continues to be a big draw. Basketball season is coming up. Over 200 kids are already signed up. PAL requires us to host a certain number of games at our own facility. We can use Mount Michael for overflow games. Is there a possibility that the gym could be used on Wednesday nights just when there's a Holy Day or school play or something unexpected that cancels practices on a Mon or Tues night? Looking into a sprinkler system on the soccer field. EAA also uses our fields and they partner with us monetarily to maintain the fields. Also looking at roofs for the dugouts. Looking at the consistency of the colors for jerseys. Chairs are doing a great job in their areas, we are moving in the right direction. Current 8th graders are working the gates and concessions. Looking into fence slots for the banners. Suggestion made to potentially tap into Elkhorn Soccer Club for clinics, coaching, etc.

RF Committee (Ron Hawkins): Kerrie Tabaka president, Mary Hawkins VP, Chris Stara secretary, still looking for an RF assistant, Mary McMahon is currently interviewing. Still looking for 6 volunteer catechists or asst catechists. Discipleship mentoring is going well this year. Parking flow and lots are overall going better. The drop off at the cafeteria is going well. Cones are set up in the parking lot to help with flow. 896 total students, 511 tradition RF, 383 were summer RF, 212 preparing for First Holy Communion, 156 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Confirmation prep is 186.

Finance Committee (John Beacom): parish and school report shared. Tuition is on track right now. General contributions are ahead, budgeted expenses are less than predicted for this time of the fiscal year.

School Advisory Board (Stacy Arndt/Mark Niedzwiecki): Had a large turnout at the meeting last night. 11 sets of parents, 8 spoke about the new math curriculum. The school advisory board is designed to listen and make recommendations. Group met with Dr. Ashton last month to work on goals for the school advisory board for this year. Main focus will be communication improvements.

Parish Staff (Mary McMahon): nothing new to report

SPY (Kerry Benes) Pancake breakfast 8a-12:30p this Sunday morning.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND PLANNING:**

Facility Usage Challenges and Proposed Solutions: parish center will be allowed to be rented as well as the Activity Center. No lock-ins or overnight events will be allowed on the premises. The policies have been in effect for the past year, but have had small sections updated and clarified. All forms were reviewed and suggestions were made to clarify details.

Leaders meeting updates: Meeting was held last week. Pulpit announcements will be changed. Human Needs Committee will be making an announcement the first weekend of the month discussing the focus of the month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday will be dedicated to highlighting groups inside the parish.

ArchOmaha Unite: June 8, 2019 at CHI Health Center. Parish will launch info this weekend Oct. 13/14. We need to start thinking of ways we can prepare for the event. Looking to create a committee to focus on this for our parish. Stacy Arndt and Kathy Moritz to spearhead.

Strategic Plan (Charles): will present next month

Construction Update (Fr. Tom): John Lebeda is the sculptor for the project and it will be coming soon. The wall painting will hopefully be coming next week.

Foundation Update: Larry Dwyer, attorney, authority on setting up foundations for the Arch of Omaha. The Advancement Committee met with him last week to begin discussing establishing a foundation here at the parish.

Matthew Kelly Books: Donor will provide books again this year. 2500 will be purchased in print. No audio book available at this time. Who is in charge of ordering/distributing/etc. Brent Harris and Joe Gordon will take ownership of this. The book is titled, "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." Planning on the weekend of Nov 16<sup>th</sup> to spotlight via the pulpit announcements.

New building meeting (Oct 24, 6:30p Boland Hall): Archbishop will attend

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** working on providing Missalettes for the back of church. Will start with 25 to gauge interest.

Kathy Moritz and Michele Zadalis have done a phenomenal job of celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm with prayer. Next meeting will be Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.