

Pastoral Council Members Present:

Tim Wurth – Chair

Ellen Paxton – Vice Chair

Tom Collins

Daren Keenan

Cathy Marksteiner

Chris Palac

Betty Ann Quinn

Eric Saddler

Pastoral Council Members Absent: Rich Inman

Notable Others:

Fr. Jim Riehle – Pastor

Evangelization and Catechesis Commission – No Representative Present

Outreach Commission – Maureen Savage

Parish Life and Stewardship Commission – Tony Ferraro

Worship and Sacraments Commission – Mary Blake

Finance Council – Rich Carmel

Parish Staff Representative – No Representative Present

Recording Secretary – Dena Moulton

- **Opening Prayer / Mission Statement** (PC is praying for Outreach Commission in August)
- **Formation** - Book selection: [Searching for and Maintaining Peace](#) by Fr. Jacques Philippe
What does it mean to know the peace of Christ in the midst of trial?
- **Lightning Round**
Welcome new pastoral council members: Daren Keenan and Eric Saddler
Meeting next month is 9/4
- **Pastor's Report** – (Fr. Jim)
 - **Discussion at length of the situation regarding Fr. Geoff and Archdiocese Q & A held at St. Max on Tuesday, August 6, regarding the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Fr. Geoff Drew**
(Pastoral Council had no prior information regarding the subject matter)
In attendance from the Archdiocese:
 - Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
 - Chancellor: Fr. Steve Angi
 - Director of Communication: Mike Schafer
 - Director of Human Resources: Rob Reid

Fr. Jim recommends an article written by the Catholic News Agency:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/auxiliary-bishop-withheld-information-about-priest-accusations-85812>

- Specific Request by PC Member - Can Pastoral Council members be presented at Masses, to be visible representatives and therefore available to the members of St. Max?
Fr. Jim is very concerned with protecting the integrity of the Mass and not adding on unnecessarily
PC is different – he accepts this as a valid point
Listening sessions – It may be possible to introduce PC members who will be available during listening session weekends so Parishioners can identify them
Another possibility, easel with pictures in the entryway

- Parish theme for this coming year: “I Thirst for you” based upon the teachings of Mother Teresa Our Lord Thirsts for You; The Lord is calling us to a deeper relationship
Official kickoff Sept 7 and 8; Unofficial kickoff – Sept 5 (The Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta)
- Together We Grow Campaign
Architect has formalized design. Moving forward with boring work for soil samples and moving to get specifics finalized
Bulletin updates will keep Parishioners informed of progress

● **Committee Updates**

- **Campus Safety Subcommittee** – (Cathy Marksteiner)
 - No meeting this summer; no report
 - Upcoming meeting with head of ushers, Dave Flanagan, to discuss team suggestions for emergency medical response during Mass
- **PC Listening Sessions** – (Rich Inman)
 - First listening session in was held in October last year; a schedule is needed for this fiscal year
- **Leadership Discernment** – (Betty Ann Quinn)
 - Pastoral Council was the only council that did not meet past quota of members
 - PC – currently 3 members short
 - Jerry Pater has offered to help this year; He will finish the third year of a PC member who needed to step down
 - Committee (Betty Ann, Brett, Sarah and Fr. Jim) will meet to determine strategy for this coming year – what went well last year and what didn’t; are the efforts bearing the fruit that is desired
- **Adoration** – (Chris Palac)
 - Pastoral Council commits to a weekly Adoration hour – (Saturday 1:00-2:00pm)
 - Calendar sent around to PC members for sign ups

● **Council/Commission Updates**

- **Finance Council** – (Rich Carmel)

Financial Report Fiscal Year-To-Date as of June 30, 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Favorable (Unfavorable) \$ Variance	Favorable (Unfavorable) % Variance
Total Income Excluding Together We Grow (TWG)	<u>\$2,444,882</u>	<u>\$2,551,150</u>	<u>(\$109,268)</u>	(4.3)
Total Expenses:				
General & Administrative	1,558,626	1,724,142	165,516	9.6
Ministry & Liturgy	85,993	117,770	31,777	27.0
Religious Formation	84,488	109,395	24,907	22.8
Outreach	12,824	22,584	9,760	43.2
Facilities	423,660	370,685	(52,975)	(14.3)
Fundraising	66,197	76,575	10,378	13.6
Capital	<u>71,453</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>(26,453)</u>	(58.8)
Total	<u>2,303,241</u>	<u>2,466,151</u>	<u>162,910</u>	6.6
Net Income Excluding TWG	\$ 138,641	84,999	53,642	63.1

Note: Sunday Collections of \$1,980,556 are **under budget** by \$115,944.

Finance Council Areas of Focus and Reporting for FY 2019

- Monitor and report ongoing results of Together We Grow campaign.
 - \$397,044 was collected during the period July 1, 2018 through December of 2018. The funds were received from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (AoC) during February 2019 and are invested in a money market account at PNC Bank. \$354,944 of these funds will be reinvested in a Certificate of Deposit with the AoC in July. The CD is currently earning 2.5% interest, with no penalty for early withdrawal.
 - \$237,387 has been collected by the Archdiocese for the period January through May 2019. Our payment due to the AoC on July 1, 2019 is \$286,000.
 - Pledges now total \$3,511,745 of which \$2,226,201 (63.4%) has been collected as of 5-31-19. June collection numbers are not available as of 8-7-19.
 - Architect estimated design fees are \$150,000 and estimated soil boring fees are \$10,000.
- A Monthly Executive Summary of key components of financial and statistical results was implemented at the October Finance Council meeting and revised during April 2019.
- Funding of the Contingency Fund (\$85,000) by June 30, 2019.
 - \$25,000 was transferred to the Contingency Fund during June 2019.
- A \$100,000 payment for the semi-annual AoC Assessment was made in June. The total amount of \$213,499 paid during FY 2019 was \$11,501 under budget.
- Funding for the church roof replacement.
 - The roof was inspected in September 2018 by a roofing contractor and determined to have an estimated life expectancy of approximately three years.
 - The estimated cost to replace the roof is \$815,000 using three-dimensional asphalt shingles or \$915,000 using stamping seam metal.
 - As of 6-30-19 \$38,584 has been collected for the roof replacement.
- A used truck was purchased for a total vehicle cost of \$14,193. The cost of the flight to St. Louis, fuel and meals on the drive back to West Chester was \$841. The cost to inspect the truck was \$759. The cost of the snow plow blade, salt spreader, and electrical system to operate them was \$15,158. The total cost of this “project” is \$30,951. The old truck was sold for \$2,000, resulting in a net cost of \$28,951.
 - Total snow removal and salting cost for provision of services by an outside vendor was \$30,585 for the period 1-20-19 through 3-31-19.
- The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget reflects Revenue in excess of Expenses in the amount of \$86,800.
- Festival proceeds of \$100,000 were received and deposited during June. This matched the amount that was in the FY 2019 Budget.
- **Worship and Sacraments Commission** – (Mary Blake)
 - Weekday Masses at 6:30AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays will begin year-round on September 5th
 - Confessions available on Tuesday’s after the 6:30AM Mass
 - As an answer to PC member who asked if there could be advance notice of special Masses, i.e. First Communion, Fr. Jim said “no”
 - Fr. Jim stated that perhaps next year “the sprinkling rite” during Mass at Easter time will only be on Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday and Pentecost
- **Outreach Commission** – (Maureen Savage)
 - Outreach Allocation Committee Recommendations - Approved
 - Reach Out Lakota - \$3000 for Thanksgiving meals, this satisfies their request (local)

- Mission of Mary Cooperative – remaining \$1080 from their original request (regional)
- Family Promise - \$7200 to complete their request for \$13200 for annual rent (local)
- Notre Dame Tabernacle Society – remaining \$2812 of the \$14092 budget (international)
Committee vetted charities to be consistent with our shared Catholic values and did tremendous good in the local, regional, and international communities.
- Published an Outreach by the numbers and plan to do the same this year. Our goal is to affirm the good our parish is doing as well as provide an invitation for others to get involved.
- We are taking a look at our annual just try it Outreach ministry fair. We will report major changes if we find them needed.
- Our partnership with faith alliance had a dip this year. This is not our choice; faith alliance participation has recently had a drop and they are re-examining the focus and emphasis of the organization. We will inform you as faith alliance affirms their mission and focus.
Faith Alliance includes the summer food and backpack programs... service projects in non-Catholic local churches.
- **Parish Life & Stewardship Commission** – (Tony Ferraro)
 - Trivia Night, Saturday, October 26, 2019
- **Evangelization & Catechesis Commission** – (No Representative Present)
No report presented

- **Closing Prayer**