

St. Joan of Arc

Pastoral Council Minutes

August 13, 2018

Attendance: Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Roseanne Dowdy, Chuck Hoppe, Ginger Bahr, Terry Welker, Bob Chrest, Ray Ford, & Nancy Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Deacon Ray

- **Reviewing the Pastoral Council by-laws:** (See attached handouts from Deacon Ray)
 - Article II Chuck Hoppe brought up that the pastoral council according to canon law is a consultative group and not an advisory group. Deacon Ray will examine this change of wording.
 - Article III Duties and Responsibilities was a large part of the discussion and we would like to add any changes necessary at the September meeting and then the updated by-laws will be distributed at the October meeting.
 - Article III.2 Should the school be added into this item?
 - Article III.6 The discussion centered on how we can give a report of the health of the parish. We would need additional resources from the staff to be able to help to make sure that all those items are reported to the parish.
 - Article III.7 Is this evaluation plan something that the pastoral council should take on as their responsibility and if so then how would the effectiveness of the five mission priorities be measured? What would the metrics be?
 - Article IV.2 Having staff attend the meetings would improve the ability of us to hear what their needs are and how we can help fulfill those needs. It would also allow us better integration when reviewing the upcoming quarterly events.
 - Article IV.3 Committee members from the heads of the Parish Ministry should be invited to give updates on what is going on in the programs. These updates, we feel would allow us to better advocate for the parish and have more of a sense of what is happening.
 - Article IV.4 Youth membership seems vitally important. The bylaws read that the seat should rotate meeting to meeting however, we discussed that it should be a year-long position.
 - Article VI.1 Discussion about continuing to meet during the summer. To offer July and August meetings as a time to reflect on the previous year and to look ahead to the upcoming year.
- Calendar Review:
 - We looked at the existing calendar and agreed that we should be forward looking at our meetings and using the integrated calendar as a tool will benefit all.
- School Report:
 - Mrs. Bahr provided a school update for the pastoral council

- The numbers are very positive.
- Deacon Ray and Chuck Hoppe are currently working on connecting the school with the Catholic community on Aberdeen Post.