

LFS Pastoral Council meeting September 2, 2020, Music Room 6pm

Opening Prayer: Meeting was called to order with opening prayer by President.

Rod Hughes asked that Ann Freiburg be Secretary in the absence of former Secretary, all approved (maybe except Ann).

Review/Accept Minutes: There were no minutes to prior meeting due to COVID cancellation.

Old Business:

Nominations for Arlene To be Vice President Pro tempore were recorded and approved unanimously.

Father discussed several openings as well as pending openings with many agreeing to remain additional time.

Father opened discussion for LFS 75th anniversary coming in 2022! Discussions on how to best celebrate safely, pay homage to history and encourage new families were had including:

- Each major group within LFS (Mens Club, St. Therese Guild, PTC, School Board, Finance council, Pastoral Council, etc.) be assigned a month to host a celebration of some sort and spread out across the entire year.
- Ask parishioners for old photos, announcements, etc to scan and display at some large gathering. Record history from original parishioners to share.
- Joint class reunions
- Contacting former pastors for a get-together, former principals, teachers, etc
- Market t-shirts, etc as fundraisers to support events, need a theme which could be a contest to be voted on
- Invite bishop
- Vote for "all stars" of prior years
- Do a new parish directory with theme of the anniversary

More to come but just wanted help seeing options for organizing and ownership of anniversary.

New Business:

Father explained the new Season of Stewardship in response to the Synod 4 pillars. He explained a need for a more "long-term" goal to get parishes together and the support needed. Need to move level of giving to support church to be more self-sufficient and able to support families with things such as tuition-free school! Always have to recognize the gifts of Time, Talents and Treasures and make those more apparent.

Father also explained the Capital Campaign (formerly the Annual Catholic Schools appeal). This is new this fall and will be parish-friendly. Diocese dropped parish percentage from 11.5% to

10% this fall. Replaced name of ACSA and replaced with Parish Community Tithe in reference to biblical tithing practice. \$82,000 is our goal this year but we have only collected about 30%-40%. Parishioners will get letter from Diocese to request participation. LFS has not met their goal for 10 years – but most parishes don't make their goals. COVID will have an impact. Parishes no longer do Parish deductions from Diocese Bank.

Father let us know upcoming Pastors Retreat on 10/18/20

Father wants to have a Lay Witness talk on 10/25/20. Issues of discussion with parishioners who feel their tuition is the contribution. Having a Lay Witness talk may help some see the true need for supporting the parish better through a peer.

Father expressed that the Capital Campaign is really a Finance Council discussion now. Additionally, the Bishop did give permission for a Capital Campaign for the parking lot, new roof on both school and church for Phase I. If enough, will do new school windows as well in future phase. Just starting project but have bids on Parking lot, church roof for all eight sections estimated at \$100,000 and school would be 11 sections but need rebid.

Next meeting will be October 14, 2020 at 6pm

Father closed the meeting with a printed prayer.