

COMMON PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Members Present: Father Tim, Father John, Annette Lucchesi, Heidi Belongia, Jim Cauley, Tom Ewing, Pat Suminski, Beth Maniero, Owen McCormick, Joe Ziino, Katy Borowski, Nate Fox, Jon Kuta, Jenny Mendenhall, and Julie Trafton.

I. **PRAYER, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION.**

II. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Welcome & Introductions. Council members began the meeting by introducing themselves and extending a warm welcome to Father John and all new members. The new members from each Parish include Beth Maniero (OSM), Jim Cauley (THW), Julie Trafton (SSPP), and Nate Fox (OLDP).

2018-2019 Meetings: Structure & Schedule. Father Tim provided an overview and history of the individual Parish councils (“IPC”) and the common pastoral council (“CPC”) for our four Parish family. The CPC is the first common council in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The purpose of the CPC is to drive the mission of Jesus in consultation with Father Tim, Father John, Parish staff, and other lay leaders. Similar to last year, the CPC will meet in even months and the IPCs will meet, as necessary in odd months. Father John will be leading the CPC for the 2018-2019 term. Father Tim and Father John will join IPC meetings by request and as necessary. As in the past, CPC and IPC agendas and minutes will be shared through the Parish bulletins and websites. All CPC and IPC meetings are open to parishioners who wish to attend.

Action Item: CPC members will review the Bylaws and Appendix for Council and the Archdiocese’s description of executive committee roles. Information to be circulated by Heidi Belongia.

Reports from Father Tim and Father John: Father Tim and Father John encouraged lively discussion and participation from all CPC members. Father Tim reported that all of the Parishes are in good financial condition. Father Tim asked the CPC to consider and provide feedback on the following topics: (1) communication with current and potential parishioners (e.g. Parish websites, social media, etc.); and (2) parishioner introductions at the beginning of Mass.

Action Item: CPC members to provide feedback on the above issues.

Listening Sessions: Father Tim and Father John will be holding listening sessions during the month of October at each Parish to discuss the clergy abuse crisis. There will be details in the bulletins. CPC members shared positive feedback on the staff testimonials at all Parishes. The general consensus was that it was good to have multiple opportunities for parishioners to be engaged on these issues. Some members also felt that there were opportunities for the Archdiocese to do more. Father Tim shared information about the training for Safeguarding God’s Children and proposed that the CPC participate.

Action Item: CPC members to consider what else the Parishes should be doing, including whether there should be programs and training focused on adults who have been the victims of harassment or abuse.

Amazing Parish Conference. The conference will take place from October 17th -19th and will focus on empowering lay staff leadership. Father Tim, Father John, and staff members will participate in the conference.

IV. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

V. **CLOSING PRAYER.**