

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

Attendees

Brendan Fisher, Eric McArdle, Amy Markwalter, Jim Purcell, Deacon Ken Maleck, Katie Connor, Martha Kearns, Fr Jerry

Scribe

Maleck

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm with a prayer.

Agenda

- **Diocesan News**
 - In the future, the Bishop may host a dinner at a local restaurant with prospective donors to a seminary endowment fund.
 - IC school will offer a new program for children requiring special education. The cost is \$20k/yr.
 - The council discussed the possible services of an MSP priest for 1 yr. Fr Jerry noted that current staffing is working satisfactorily at present.

- **Endowment Fund**
 - Jim obtained the template from Blessed Sacrament Church, and modified it to suit our situation. The board will have 5 members: 1 appointed by the Bishop, the pastor, & 3 appointed by the pastor.
 - Income from the fund is designated for "Aquinas scholarships and faith formation activities". Income will be part of regular SMOTH operating account.
 - To use of the principal, a vote of 4 of the 5 members is required.
 - Jim will forward the document to the finance committee.
 - The endowment start date will be in 2020. Aquinas tuition will be \$9100 in the fall.

- **Physical Plant Issues**
 - The asbestos has been removed from the Annunciation House. Much additional work is needed.
 - HVAC in church & Hall: The temperature control issue was discussed and potential options to address were debated.
 - Columbarium: A vendor from Atlanta is coming in this week. The temporary one in the church is full, and another access point to it has been added.
 - The trees in front of the church will be removed.

- **Upcoming Events**
 - 100 yrs Celebration of SMOTH will be held in 2017. John Scherer will be heading this up. A big part of it will be "What are we moving toward?"
 - The angel tree for the Ethiopian well project exceeded expectations, bringing in \$22k. The Sister there expressed tremendous gratitude for all we have done for them.

Future Meetings

The next two meetings will be February 9 & March 30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with a prayer at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Ken Maleck