

24th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on November 19, 2018 in Brocton

Attendance: Phil Baideme, Jim Crolle, Dianna Giambra, Joe Giambra, Camile Belcher, Debby Ruland and Fr. Romy

Absent: Betty DeLand and Bob Ducato

Presider: Dan Quagliana.

Opening Prayer: Jim Crolle

Approval of October's Minutes: Jim motioned to accept the minutes as submitted and Phil seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dan thanked everyone for showing up at the Parish Assembly. He felt that it went very well and there was better attendance than he had expected. Jim felt there were around 41 in attendance.

Agenda

1. Unfinished Business

1.1 Moving the Organ

This subject was tabled until this meeting to find out costs involved. Debby reported that Paul told her that the cost involved would be around \$200-\$250. He felt, however, that the cost would be \$200. Camile asked if there would be any costs related to removing the pews, etc. Joe felt that Bill would be able to do the work. Dan asked for a vote. Camile motioned to go ahead with the moving of the organ to from Paul's to the Church. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. New Business: Questions and Suggestions from the Parish Assembly.

Question: "Why did we put air conditioning in Westfield when we have no money?"

Dan stated that it was because it was hot and uncomfortable, and the money didn't come out of the church funds. It will be paid for by donations, Dan added. Jim asked if this was explained at the assembly. Debby stated that it was her plan to inform everyone regarding the process of the air conditioning, but it didn't happen. It was, however, put in the bulletin. This will be put in the bulletin again explaining how the air conditioning project will be paid for and that all donations come in memory of someone. Plaques will be made and hung in the Church with the names of all those that are in

memory. Camile suggested that if the donations dry up that we should have a fund raiser specifically for this.

Suggestions: Have we thought about renting out the Halls for income? Joe wasn't in favor of doing this. It could result in problems. We should encourage parishioners or groups we know like church members to rent the halls. Everyone agreed.

We should be telling the parishioners exactly how bad financially we are and encourage parishioners to increase contributions by \$1 to \$5 or more. There was much discussion on this. Joe suggested putting in the bulletin once a month or so that shows expenses and income, so they can see black and white. Phil said that it couldn't hurt that maybe if they see it, they will realize. Jim stated how the cemetery was hurting and when they started making appeals the collection increased. This proves the success of asking. Jim also felt that this should not just show in the bulletin but that the Finance Council should get up during the Mass and inform the parishioners. This is what we need; we can't continue to say we are going. It was agreed that an appeal to the parishioners would be the way to go. Father said that he will put this information in the bulletin. As far as asking parishioners for more money, this is a terrible time of year to do that. We should wait until the first of the year. However, Camile stated that tax season is then and that is not good. It was suggested since we need money now to borrow money from the Cemetery account and that way we wouldn't have to go through the diocese. Father stated that the Parish Council does not decide this that he will call a meeting with the Board of Trustees and they will decide as to what to do. This discussion was good, however. Camile stated that she is willing to get up and ask everyone to increase for a least \$1 a week, or more if you can. Jim stated that we need to inform and ask the parishioners. We need to start now. Debby will put the PDS information into the bulletin once a month. Father can state this at the altar.

Why is there only a Legion of Mary in Westfield and not in Brocton? This group was only started in Westfield. There is a plan to start a Legion of Mary in Brocton around the 1st of the year. Father stated that members will first have to attend the Legion of Mary in Westfield around three or four times to understand what it is and what they do, then they can break off and start one in Brocton.

Why don't Eucharistic Ministers have refresher classes a couple of times a year? Father stated that he will talk with Bob about this. This is under his jurisdiction. This would be like a refresher course. We should be asking parishioners if they would be interested in this ministry. Dianna

stated there is a youth who has been confirmed in Brocton that would like to be a Eucharistic Minister. Camile suggested asking the Mead-Colegrove couple. If people are asked, they are more likely to commit to doing something than they would be to just volunteer themselves.

Why doesn't both sites have something in the hall for parishioners after a funeral, like a luncheon or something? Debby stated that Brocton used to do this. We had volunteers that put this on and volunteers brought in food. All the food was donated. If there were any donations made it was used to purchase the meat for this. Jim said we don't have enough volunteers. Camile stated that this is a lot of work. She doesn't feel that this would be a good idea. Joe suggested that we would welcome this if someone would like to volunteer to chair it and get volunteers to help them. Since we don't know the names of the individuals that asked these questions or suggestions, we will need to put it in the bulletin to inform everyone. This will be a way that maybe we could get some volunteers.

Why do we have two churches and two rectories if we are in financial trouble? Joe stated that this is up to the diocese, not us. Father said it is the decision of the Board of Trustees just like St. Thomas More. Majority rules in the Board of Trustees.

3. Others

Joe brought up about the copier. He said that the copier in Brocton doesn't look very promising. They will come out and look at it and let us know what they think. Joe went over the history of the Brocton copier. It would cost around \$55.00 to have them come out and look at it. The machine is very old, and parts will be very hard to find. Dan suggested going on the internet to find parts. Jim asked if this is a priority to investigate this copier. Many people use this copier. Jim said, the bottom line is should we have someone come out and look at this. It was decided that someone should come out. Jim suggested to table this till the next meeting

Joe also wanted to report on the furnace. He had to call Gugino to come and check it out. The heat was coming on and off by itself. Joe read what Gugino found wrong with the furnace. They ordered some parts, but it has been fixed.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting and Phil seconded it.

Father said closing prayer.

Minutes recorded by Debby Ruland