

Pastoral Council Minutes January 10, 2023

Members Present: Dave Jandris (At Large), Mike Hillebrand (At Large), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Jackie Aldrich (At Large), Don Cavalli (At Large), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Chris Hannigan-Wiehn (Worship Commission), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), Barbara Schmith (Service/Outreach Commission), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Members Not Present: Mark Bularzik (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Nancy Balogh (Education Commission – School), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), Beth Cartner (Education Commission – Religious Education), as well as a Representative from Education (Religious Formation)

The meeting opened with prayer thanks to Jackie A

Members welcomed Barbara Schmith and introduced themselves

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Meeting were approved as written (Jackie A--1st, Sandy S--2nd)

Commission Highlights – Please upload to drive before meeting – provide alternates to attend meeting if representative is not able to attend

- Worship Commission – Chris H-W – No Report – No meeting since last PC Meeting
 - Fr. Norbert
 - Very busy
 - Happy to see those returning to Mass & new faces
 - Overall pleased
 - Music beautiful
 - Michelle G – Altar Servers on scheduled – can sign up
 - Jackie A – Looking at training schedule
- Religious Formation – School – Nancy B – not present (at school board meeting) –November Report available on Drive
- Religious Formation – Youth Ministry – Jonah T
 - October 23 – Jason Everet program
 - Confirmation went well
 - Helped with St. Vincent de Paul Clothing collection
 - Helped with Christmas Basket Distribution
 - Went on Chicago trip
 - Discovery this weekend
 - February 24-26 – Winter Retreat
 - February 11 – Trivia Night
 - Helping with kids games at Chili Cook-off
- Religious Formation – RE – Beth Cartner – Report on shared drive
 - Deacon Bob Presentation to parents very good
 - Mission – none scheduled at this time
- Administration/Finance – Sandy Schuller

- No meeting since last PC Meeting – scheduled for next Wednesday
- Working on understanding budget
- Don C
 - Researching ways to bring people into parish
 - Outreach to community
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich – Meeting notes by e-mail
- Service/Outreach Commission – Barbara Schmith – Minutes in shared drive
 - Monthly notes in bulletin
 - Parish survey for needs
 - Translators for immigrants – Ukrainian, Arabic
 - Ministry Fair in near future
 - Parish Life Commission?
 - Peace & Justice Committee – pro-life – not limited to abortion
 - March 11 – Next meeting

Council Focus – Provided on agenda

- Ministry Fair Discussion
 - How will Ministry Fair be organized? If speak at Mass – when will speaker be included?
 - Possibly use punch card/bingo card and provide drawing for completed cards
 - Christian Witness Talk after readings?
 - Donut Sunday once per month
 - Marlene Clark ready to host Hospitality
 - all food must be purchased – keep it simple with just coffee and donuts
 - information from hosting organization in the bulletin the week before
 - finalize plans at next months’s meeting
 - Lots of food, invite through word of mouth, bring friends – include fun activities and religious activities
 - One big event would not work
 - Tables with reps from organizations and activities
 - Table in Narthex for organizations?
- Deanery Request – Jackie A
 - What are we doing to celebrate Eucharistic Revival
 - Fr. Ed spoke to Friday prayer group
 - Presiders incorporate into homilies
 - January 12 – focus was on Eucharist at 1st Eucharist Meeting
 - Guest speaker: True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist
 - February 8 – Catechist Evening of Reflection at St. Thomas the Apostle
 - Top needs facing families
 - Church attendance – how to draw families in
 - Family Mass revival
 - Sports play a big role in non-attendance
 - Faith not placed as a priority
- Chili Cook-off – Mark H – unable to attend

- March 4, 2023 from 6-10 pm in the gym
- Notes provided
- Donation requests divided between those presents
- Sandy will put PC basket together – let her know what you would like to donate
- Pastoral Council is advisory to the pastor. Difficult to advise when pastor is not present. Make sure all events are included on the Master Calendar in order to avoid conflicts
- Agenda Items for next meeting: Hospitality Sunday, Ministry Fair, and Parish Chili Cook-off on agenda for next meeting
 - Please contact Fr. Norbert or Michelle G to add items to next month's agenda

The meeting closed with Prayer thanks to Mark B

January Meeting - Opening Prayer – Don C

Closing Prayer – Chris H-W

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14 at 7 pm in Meeting Room 112

Please upload written reports into the shared drive, monthly meeting as soon as possible