

## Pastoral Council Minutes November 14, 2023

Members Present: Dave Jandris (At Large), Jerry Munley (Worship Commission), Dawn Kunz (At Large), Lynda Wagner (At Large), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), Margaret Wagner (Service/Outreach Commission), Marlene Clark (Parish Life Commission), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), Chris Hannigan-Wiehn (Education Commission – Religious Formation), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Guests: None

Members Not Present: Jackie Aldrich (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), Deacon Bob, Joe Heneghan (At Large), as well as Representatives from Education Commission (Religious Formation) and Education Commission (School)

**The meeting opened with Eucharistic Revival Prayer and Mission Statement**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Minutes of the October 10, 2023 Meeting were approved as written (Michelle G-1st, Jerry M-2nd)**

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

- Religious Formation – Youth Ministry – Jonah T
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Retreat October 14/15 on site
    - 50 attendees
    - Used Youth Alpha – good tool for evangelization – adult version available
  - Wednesdays – using Going Deeper
  - Confirmation was amazing
  - Past events/activities
    - Helped with St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
    - Trivia Night
    - 12 attended National Catholic Youth Conference
  - Upcoming events/activities
    - XLT
    - Help with Christmas Basket Distribution
    - Street Ministry Experience in December
    - Discovery Retreat in January
    - Winter Retreat to Michigan in February
    - Next Trivia Night February 10
- Pastoral Council Photo was taken
- Worship Commission – Jerry Munley – Report on drive
  - Emphasis on speakers – Before Mass only
- Religious Formation – School – No Representative – Report on drive
  - Mrs. Kesterson trained school altar servers
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Chris Hannigan-Wiehn
  - Deacon Bob & Emma closing up to allow Chris H-W to attend meeting

- Chris & Emma Bueno team up for Religious Education
- Needed to figure out what was in place – seems to be working out fine
- All Catechists in place
- 244 students in program
  - 73 children for First Communion in May and First Reconciliation in February
  - 11 students are out of sync with sacraments
  - Chris thanked for stepping up and taking over
  - Chris – good to be back with kids and catechists
  - Chris and Emma share an office on the parish side of the building
  - Emma was introduced
- Religious Formation – Adult Faith Formation – No Representative (possibly Shawn) – No report
- Finance Council – Sandy Schuller
  - Council meets tomorrow
  - Roof project under way
    - Flat roof & wall near exit door next to maintenance office
    - Needed Diocesan approval
    - Project should be completed today
    - October hoped to publish annual financial statement – apologize for delay in publishing
    - Diocese has not approved fiscal financial report – will be published when approved
  - Next Project – Parish Trades Volunteer Directory
    - Survey to parishioners in January
    - Representatives at February Hospitality
    - Fr. Ed – diocese does not want volunteers to complete parish projects due to liability – Catholic Mutual must be consulted regarding projects
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich – No Deanery Meeting – take place 3 times per year
- Service/Outreach Commission – Margaret Wagner
  - Next meeting Saturday morning on ZOOM
  - St. Vincent de Paul – notes on Drive
- Parish Life Commission – Marlene Clark
  - Ministry Fair successful
    - Chili Cook-off – one cook & one judge
    - Council of Catholic Women – one new member
    - Encuentro – 4 new members, all attended last night's meeting
    - Hospitality Sunday - going well
      - Adding Bagels with individual butter & cream cheese
      - Fruit cups
      - Jennifer asked if teens could assist at noon Mass, helping to serve and clean up
    - Knights of Columbus – frustrated by Grand Knight lack of response, noted a few men showing interest
    - Welcoming Committee – one new member
    - Smaller Ministry Fair seems to be a good idea

- Deacon Bob
  - Helping with Religious Education
  - No staff member for Adult Faith Formation
  - From Deacon Tom
    - Bishop Barron program on The Mass was good
    - Lent program being planned – Eucharistic Revival sessions in the Afternoon & Evening
  - Synod in Rome
    - Synthesis Report is 40 pages long
    - Possible program in winter regarding synod
    - Detailed proposal shared with group when complete – discuss results of October meeting
    - Fr. Ed – people confused by information coming out of synod – good to have program
    - Discussion regarding synod program
  - Getting people back to Mass
    - New strategic plan
    - Understand where they are coming from – how they relate to God and others
    - Gifts to share?
    - Glad Eucharistic Adoration moved to Monday, daytime
  - Finance Committee
    - Trying to build a more cohesive group
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    - Trying to get budget published
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#### **Council Focus and Discussion – Provided on agenda**

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- Goals for the year
  - Revisit at later meeting
- Volunteer Thank-You
  - Last year in May
- Fr. Norbert's Comments
  - Things changing in diocese
    - Web site hard to manipulate
    - Last Deanery meeting – who's who at the diocese
    - Spent time with 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education 2<sup>nd</sup> session – good interaction
    - Mass attendance – sports/football season takes people away
    - Culture does not include God/interaction
    - Last Sunday at Hospitality, an 8-year-old sat with Fr. Norbert to talk – great conversation!
  - Pleased Deacon Tom had good program on Eucharist
    - Move closer to God
    - Become better Christians

### **The meeting closed with prayer**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12 - dinner out – reservation information will be sent out closer to date  
 January Meeting - Opening Prayer – Eucharistic Revival Prayer                      Closing Prayer – Michelle G

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