

## Pastoral Council Minutes February 14, 2023

Members Present: Dave Jandris (At Large), Don Cavalli (At Large), Mark Bularzik (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Chris Hannigan-Wiehn (Worship Commission), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), Jackie Aldrich (At Large), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), Beth Cartner (Education Commission – Religious Education), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Members Not Present: Mike Hillebrand (At Large), Nancy Balogh (Education Commission – School), Barbara Schmith (Service/Outreach Commission), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), as well as a Representative from Education (Religious Formation)

Visitor: Deacon Bob Wallace (Permanent Deacon)

**The meeting opened with prayer thanks to Don C**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Minutes of the January 10, 2023 Meeting were approved as written (Don C--1st, Sandy S--2nd)**

**Eucharistic Revival – Deacon Bob Wallace**

- Feels very welcomed here
- Pastoral Plan – increase number of parishioners active in ministries
- Evangelization – reach out and invite people when ready
- Eucharistic Revival planned by diocese – need planning for parish involvement
  - Did second parent presentation – very good
  - Think of Eucharist in broad way – Sacrament of Unity
  - Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist
  - Need to get ideas from leadership (Pastoral Council, Worship Commission)
  - Bulletin Articles
  - Sort movies, made at home
  - FORMED movies (guide parishioners to these)
  - Please start thinking about what parishioners want to hear, how to deliver message
  - Questionnaire will be provided by e-mail and shared in Drive
  - Fr. Ed – diocese doing procession, adoration, devotions
  - Need to begin where people are
  - Don C – youth ministry kicks off year with event
  - Sandy S – pre-COVID decrease in involvement – still not back up to where it was
  - Parish Mission – good draw if good presenter
  - Fr. Ed – 3-day diocesan Eucharistic Mission on Marcy 23, 24, & 25
    - Eucharistic Revival began on Corpus Christi, is two-year program from June 2022 to June 2024
    - Began at diocesan level, then to parish level, culminating with Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July of 2024
    - Best way to offer to wide range of people
  - Parish Mission – Need to advertise mission well in advance
  - Homily include why we do what we do in regard to Eucharist
  - Suggested – Eucharistic Revival Prayer at end of Mass (stuff into plastic liner of missal)

**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 – See report in shared drive
  - Fr. Ed – multiple presiders schedules – not all in cinch

- No servers at school masses
- Extra Eucharistic Ministers: add one station in back of church near chairs
- Michelle G – Will talk to Bob Miller
- Altar Server families in program
- Going back to two lectors with next schedule
- Religious Formation – School – Nancy B – not present - Report available on Drive
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Beth C
  - Classes going well – fantastic chat
  - Religious Education Classes, grades 1-5 – Children’s Mission on Fat Tuesday
  - East/West DuPage Deanery evening of formation had 297 catechists in attendance
  - Next day began DRE two-day retreat
  - Rory Cooney – Mission Presenter at Holy Spirit March 3
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion Retreat
- Religious Formation – Youth Ministry – Jonah T – not present
- Administration/Finance – Sandy Schuller
  - Urgent need: Replace cameras/Security System
  - Closing out 2022 Fiscal year
    - Financial Report to Parish in the fall – more communicative to parishioners
    - Gone through last year’s audit and prioritizing projects
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich – No Deanery Meeting since last Pastoral Council Meeting
- Service/Outreach Commission – Barbara Schmith – no present - Minutes in shared drive

### **Council Focus – Provided on agenda**

- Ministry Fair Discussion
  - In conjunction with Hospitality Sunday – Marlene Clark willing to coordinate
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – previously October through May
    - Discussion – year-round?
    - No home-made items
    - Possible begin May/June?
    - Kick-off with Parish Picnic in August?
    - Catechists – Witness talks/announcements in July/August
- Discernment of new council members
  - Mark B and Michelle G are completing their final year
  - Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – discernment in Room 112 at 7 pm
  - Recruitment information in bulletin
- Next meeting – election of officers for 2023/2024 fiscal year
- April 28 – Fr. Damien play sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- Beth retiring – thanks for years of service
  - 1<sup>st</sup> week of March open position will be advertised on diocesan website
- VIRTUS – parish records will be reviewed and head of ministries will be contacted to let them know all records are in order

- Regarding providing financial information to parishioners – how/where money is being spent – St. Matthew's in Schaumburg is a good model
- Sandy – concern regarding amount of absenteeism on council
- Fr. Ed – Model: all commission meet on same night, council meets as executive board after
- Chris – more people, more wisdom, more ideas
- Low church attendance – trend in world (14%)
  - Nigeria – highest attendance – cultural
  - Attendance increasing slowly
- Bulletin is in transition – thanks for patience
- Agenda Items 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 Chris H-W

January Meeting - Opening Prayer – Jackie A

Closing Prayer – Michelle G

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

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