

Pastoral Council Minutes March 12, 2024

Members Present: Deacon Bob, Dave Jandris (At Large), Pat O'Donnell (At Large), Jackie Aldrich (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Dawn Kunz (At Large), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Marlene Clark (Parish Life Commission), Lynda Wagner (At Large), Margaret Wagner (Service/Outreach Commission), Nancy Stock (Education Commission – Religious Formation), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Members Not Present: Jerry Munley (Worship Commission), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), as well as Representative from Education Commission (School)

The meeting opened with Eucharistic Revival Prayer and Mission Statement

Members present introduced themselves to newest member, Pat O'Donnell

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Meeting were approved as corrected (Michelle G-1st, Jackie A-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
 - Sundays – Fr. Mike Videos continuing
 - Past events/activities
 - Helped with children's games at Chili Cook-off
 - Helping with take down for Hospitality Sundays monthly
 - Helped stuff Easter Eggs for Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt
 - Led Stations of the Cross
 - Mission Trip Collection was good
 - Good Winter Retreat in Michigan – challenges included not having heat in cabins
 - Seder Meal this Sunday
 - Upcoming events/activities
 - Holy Week
 - Feed My Starving Children
 - Holy Thursday Pilgrimage – visit 7 churches
 - April – Discovery Retreat
 - June 23-29–Summer Mission Trip
 - July 12-14 - Steubenville Conferences – full
 - 1-day Diocesan Steubenville Conference on June 1 has 5 openings
- Worship Commission – Report on drive – Deacon Bob
 - Discussion regarding communication for special Mass/events at Mass
 - Ushers did not know what to do for Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal – Coordinator needs to make sure all persons involved at Mass know what their roll is
 - List of current, active ushers being put together

- Ministers need training in case of emergencies
 - Not enough diversity in ministries
 - Lots of people use side doors – need to discourage
 - Instructions for Triduum, Scrutiny’s needs to be shared
 - Parish renewal – bring back “fallen” members
- New ministers
 - Team with experienced ministers
 - Head usher for each mass? Responsibility of Worship Commission?
 - Follow-up necessary – people who singed up to become ministers not contacted
 - Personal invitation best for recruitment
- Religious Formation – School – No Representative – Report on drive
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Nancy Stock
 - In February, catechists met to plan 1st Eucharist Retreat – will include Adoration and Benediction
 - Family Mass for grades 1-3 went well
 - Religious Education students in grades 6 and 7 will go to confession the first Tuesday in March
 - Donna Weglarz joined the Children’s Liturgy of the Word team, coordinated by Cindy Stewart
 - Interviews for new Director of Religious Education have begun, two are scheduled
 - April 20 is the 1st Eucharist Retreat
 - 1st Communion will be on May 4
 - Religious Education Assistant Emma Bueno will be staying
- Religious Formation – Adult Faith Formation –Deacon Bob
 - No formal Representative
 - Jesus and the Eucharist led by Deacon Tom – video series – openings in the evening program
- Finance Council – Sandy Schuller – Not present - No report
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich – No Deanery Meeting – will meet in March
 - Jackie’s term of office is ending – need new representative
 - Discussion: Parish Council vs Leadership Team
 - Regarding effectiveness of parish council – hear what has happened from commissions, but not much about vision for the future
 - Needs to be more strategic
 - Organize small group of people (2-3) to work directly with the pastor to implement the pastor’s vision
 - Need formal list of recommendations to be worked on and updated
 - Advisory portion lost to reports
 - Focus on ongoing topics and issues
 - Council works to vision – lost or pushed to side due to reports
 - Need to make visioning priority
 - Suggestion: Commission members attend and give live report every other month
- Service/Outreach Commission – Margaret Wagner
 - Meeting on ZOOM this Saturday
- Parish Life Commission – Marlene Clark

- No Meetings
 - Council of Catholic Women
 - Garage Sale March 19
 - Women's Afternoon of Reflection April 14
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday
 - Blood Drive on Palm Sunday
 - Will be recruiting soon
 - Encuentro Stations of the Cross on Friday
 - Hospitality Sunday
 - Getting better – more attendance
 - Teens helping with clean up after noon mass – great help!
 - Parish Picnic in August
 - Chili Cook-off
 - Successful – raised \$5,000
 - Last year seemed more crowded
 - Perfect number of baskets
- Deacon Bob
 - No additional comments

Council Focus and Discussion – Provided on agenda

- Election of Officers with unanimous vote
 - Chairperson – Dawn Kunz
 - Vice-chairperson – Dave Jandris
- Discernment April 17 at 7 pm in Room 112
 - Jackie & Dawn Coordinators
 - Contact last year's persons who showed interest
 - Announcements in bulletin
 - Personal invitation is best, especially young people
 - Suggest reaching out to 8th grade parents
- Review Parish Pastoral Plan
 - Young Adults needed
 - Eucharistic Retreat – parents invited to Benediction
 - Whole Family Faith Formation – difficult
 - Parish Renewal – family activities
 - Get children involved more often
 - Parents and grandparents attend when children involved
 - Reach a few – grow from there
 - Education Commission built
 - Adult Faith Formation Director
 - Religious Education Director

- Principal
- Youth Minister
- Awareness – good outreach
- Send comics from Narthex Video to be put up on Facebook
- Send e-mail blast to like/follow Facebook
- Fr. Ed
 - Parish website needs updated/facelift
 - You Tube page has some private access
 - Google Photos – photo page
 - Youth Group best ever seen
 - Cultural Diversity is good
- Fr. Norbert's Comments
 - Youth involved in more volunteer activities
 - Diocese – marriage prep forms need to be updated, must use green forms, need an appointment to submit forms in person
 - 6 tickets to Chrism Mass – let know if yow old like to go on March 25 at 2 pm
 - Foot washing is a humbling experience
 - Parishioners confused as the whether they should kneel or stand
 - October Counts at Mass
 - Consider count now
 - Publish and look for pattern

The meeting closed with prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm in Room 112

March Meeting - Opening Prayer – Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Closing Prayer – Pat O

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