

## Pastoral Council Minutes

### April 11, 2023

Members Present: Dave Jandris (At Large), Jerry Munley (Worship Commission), Deacon Bob, Mark Bularzik (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), Jackie Aldrich (At Large), Barbara Schmith (Service/Outreach Commission), Beth Cartner-after Religious Education Dismissal (Education Commission – Religious Education), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Members Not Present: Don Cavalli (Resigned due to Health Issues) (At Large), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Fr. Ed Howe, CR – preparing for Discovery Team Reconciliation (parochial Vicar), Mike Hillebrand (Resigned) (At Large), Nancy Balogh (Resigned) (Education Commission – School), as well as a Representative from Education (Religious Formation)

**The meeting opened with prayer thanks to Michelle G**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Meeting were approved as written (Mark B-1st, Michelle G-2nd)**

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

- Worship Commission – Jerry Munley – See report in shared drive
  - Suggested reading “Start with Jesus” by Julianne Stanz
  - Discussion: Ministers for special Masses
    - E-mail for foot washing came out Holy Thursday morning – people recruited on the fly – does Bob Miller need help? Sign-up Board at Mass was only for ushers. Could be effective for all. Need notification of openings/special needs well in advance
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Beth C – will be in attendance after dismissal
- Religious Formation – School – minutes on drive
- Religious Formation – Youth Ministry – Jonah T
  - Sundays – Y-Disciple
  - Better participation
  - Trivia Night very successful
  - Kids games at Chili Cook-off
  - Retreat at Five Pines in Michigan was good
  - Holy Thursday Pilgrimage to 7 churches
  - Discovery Retreat this weekend
  - Mission Trip – 23 kids & 6 adults in June
  - Steubenville in July – 24 going with 9 openings
  - 9 going to World Youth Day to Portugal in July with St. Joes
  - March 17 – 10 members helped stuff Easter Eggs for Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt
- Service/Outreach Commission – Barbara Schmith – Next meeting May 13 on ZOOM
  - Pantry
    - 100 empty buckets passed out and 91 filled/returned – very good
    - 38 hams collected
    - April – Birthday Bags

- Daybreak – meeting tomorrow – should get numbers for Adopt-a-Family
- St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in parking lot last weekend of April
- Margaret Wagner has agreed to be Representative to Pastoral Council in the fall
- Administration/Finance – Sandy Schuller – not present – No report
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich – No Deanery Meeting since last Pastoral Council Meeting
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Beth C – will be in attendance after dismissal
  - 2 classes left
  - Registration for next year went out tonight
  - 40 Rice Bowls returned - \$300 collected – low (usually \$700)
  - Flier for Damien Play e-mailed to families
  - First Communion Retreat in two weeks
  - First Communion May 6
  - Job description for open DRE position not posted at diocese yet
- Fr. Norbert's Comments
  - Thanks to Michelle who will stay on one more year to complete Don C's open position
  - Mike H – open position after resignation – 2 years to complete – Fr. Norbert can appoint
  - 2 at-large positions open for discernment the end of the month
  - Pleased with Holy Week – better attendance
  - More younger people attending Mass
  - Deanery Meeting April 27 with the Bishop
  - Chrism Mass well attended and uplifting – Marilyn Pickers & 3 friends attended
  - Next few weeks may be difficult – cataract surgery, one eye at a time, Monday and May 3
    - Suggested Meals-on-Wheels – yes, a couple times for each eye – Michelle G will coordinate

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

- Discernment
  - People showing interest
    - Lynda Wagner
    - Joe Hennigan
    - Terry Ross
    - Dawn Kunz
    - Continue to ask/suggest
- Deacon Bob
  - Focus of Pastoral Plan in 2020 – increase volunteerism
  - Book – Start with Jesus, published in 2019
    - More about Parish Renewal
    - Information ties with Pastoral Plan
    - Made 20 pages of notes
    - Good reference to help grow parish
    - Start discipleship where people are now (pre-discipleship stage of growth)
    - Need group comfortable with strategic thinking

- Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Worship, & Staff involvement
- Constitution has no mention of discipleship
- COVID disrupted many things
- Approach from book
  - Facilitate a backbone of prayer – conversation with the Lord
  - How to manage next 10 or 15 years? Ask for guidance – interactive prayer
  - Move from inner direction to outreach – become missionary disciples
  - Everything you do needs to have a discipleship component to bring the whole parish from inner directed to outward directed
  - Social Justice/Outreach is part of it
  - Notes available if you would like them
- Will speak to Fr. Norbert of make sure he is comfortable moving forward with group
- Parish Life Commission
  - Hospitality, Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus
  - Goal for next year?
- Parish Picnic
  - Council of Catholic Women will coordinate if all groups involved last year agree to help in the same way this year
- Appreciation of Volunteers
  - Blessing at Masses
  - Gift
    - Rosary ring
    - Prayer Card
    - Key chain
    - Book mark/prayer card – made in-house and customized to parish
  - The weekend of June 3 & 4
- Discernment – April 24
  - Invite Candidates
  - One 2-year term
  - Two 3-year terms
- Eucharistic Revival
  - 15 surveys returned
  - Create bulletin articles/web site information
  - Work in progress

May Meeting - Opening Prayer – Jackie A

Closing Prayer – Jerry M

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm in Meeting Room 112 – Try to get picture taken!

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