

## Pastoral Council Minutes April 9, 2024

Members Present: Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Dawn Kunz (At Large), Jerry Munley (Worship Commission), Dave Jandris (At Large), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), Ted Kmiotec (Knights of Columbus), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), Deacon Bob, Marlene Clark (Parish Life Commission), Margaret Wagner (Service/Outreach Commission), Lynda Wagner (At Large), Nancy Stock (Education Commission – Religious Formation), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Members Not Present: Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Pat O'Donnell (At Large), Jackie Aldrich (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), as well as Representative from Education Commission (School)

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

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Minutes of the March 12, 2024 Meeting were approved as written (Michelle G-1st, Lynda W-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 through May 5
  - This week is the last Wednesday meeting
  - Past events/activities
    - Winter Retreat in Michigan
    - Seder Meal this Sunday
    - Feed My Starving Children
    - Holy Thursday Pilgrimage – 7 churches in Downers Grove
  - Upcoming events/activities
    - April – Discovery Retreat
    - June 23-29–28 will attend Summer Mission Trip to Nashville
    - July 12-14 - Steubenville Conferences – full
    - 1-day Diocesan Steubenville Conference on June 1 has 5 openings
    - Go Mad in July
- Worship Commission – Report on drive – Jerry M
  - Holy Week
    - Lighting of the New Fire – quite a few people
    - Sound System
      - Church – hand-held mic on stand worked well
      - Many thanks to Vicki Tuch
- Religious Formation – School – No Representative – Report on drive
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Nancy Stock
  - Last RE Class next Tuesday
  - Religious Education Catechist Commitment Letters being returned
  - First Communion Retreat April 20

- First Communions take place May 4 at 10 am (RE) and 1 pm (school)
- Religious Formation – Adult Faith Formation – Deacon Bob
  - No staff member for AFF – possible calendar provided to Sue
  - Jesus and the Eucharist led by Deacon Tom – program completed – worked well
  - Director of Religious Education & Adult Faith Formation – full time position – Director of Faith Formation – continue interview process – 4 people interviewing
  - Finance Council met a couple of weeks ago
    - Building Maintenance
    - Cash Flow
    - Roof – proposal – phase 2
      - Roof over gym – South West corner wet inside
      - Using manufacturing rep again
      - Lowest bid provided
      - Required to work with diocese
      - Using payment plan
      - No plan to take out loan from diocese
      - Plan to complete roof work in May
      - Discussion – how to fundraise
        - Need for financial campaign
        - Need for parish renewal
        - Join together in a plan for going forward
      - Finance Council being transparent to Parish Pastoral Council by providing information
        - Question regarding payment plan
        - Incidentals included in contract
        - Fr. Ed – how is roof considered highest priority?
        - Need Strategic Planning Committee/Critical Thinking Committee
        - Need to hire part time Facilities Manager
        - Need representation from Finance Council & School
- Finance Council – Sandy Schuller – Not present - No report
- Deanery Report – Jackie Aldrich
  - Jackie’s term of office is ending – need new representative
- Service/Outreach Commission – Margaret Wagner – report on drive
  - St. Vincent de Paul – truck in upper parking lot last weekend in April
- Parish Life Commission – Marlene Clark
  - Council of Catholic Women
    - Woman of the Year Mass at Cathedral April 20 at 1 pm – Margaret Wagner
    - Women’s Afternoon of Reflection April 14 – 42 people signed up
    - May Banquet in Activity Center – May 7 - \$20 per person
  - Parish Picnic in August – Chris Hannigan-Wiehn will coordinate
  - Hospitality Sunday
    - One left - May

- Teens set up tables, but none to help with clean-up
- Leftovers go to a family in need
- Knights of Columbus
  - Blood Drive on Palm Sunday
  - Meeting in two weeks
  - Cubs/Sox Raffle Tickets for sale
- Deacon Bob
  - No additional comments

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

- Discernment April 17 at 7 pm in Room 112
  - Announcement at Mass
  - Only posted one time in bulletin
  - Roy will be there
  - Face-to-face invitation to attend
    - Ask, ask, ask!
- Review Parish Pastoral Plan
  - Communication
    - Facebook going out
    - Instagram most popular
    - Principal
    - E-mail blast
  - Goal – 20-30-year age group – tough to get involved
    - Theology On Tap
    - Develop leadership from youth group for Young Adult Ministry
  - Partnership with other parishes/community
    - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
    - Simbang Gabi
- Fr. Norbert's Comments
  - Thursday another interview for DRE
  - Letter received – Deacon Rick retiring from all active ministry
  - Neither priest knows where they are going
- Michelle – last meeting – hip replacement May 3, with second hip replace June 21 – Prayers!

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 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**