

Pastoral Council Minutes May 9, 2023

Members Present: Deacon Bob, Dave Jandris (At Large), Jerry Munley (Worship Commission), Mark Bularzik (Vice-Chairperson - At Large), Michelle Greco (Chairperson - At Large), Fr. Norbert Raszeja, CR (Pastor), Jackie Aldrich (At Large), Joe Heneghan – New Member (At Large), Lynda Wagner – New Member (At Large), Fr. Ed Howe, CR (parochial Vicar), and Sue Gosewehr (Recorder)

Guests: Kathy Nartnick & Chris Hannigan-Wein – Parish Picnic co-chairpersons

Members Not Present: Beth Cartner-RE Catechist Appreciation Dinner (Education Commission – Religious Education), Jonah Tran (Youth Ministry), Barbara Schmith (Service/Outreach Commission), Sandy Schuller (Finance Commission), Dawn Kunz – New Member (At Large), as well as Representatives from Education Commission (Religious Formation) and Education Commission (School)

The meeting opened with prayer thanks to Jackie A

Don C not able to attend due to unexpected out of town guests – thankful for honor to serve the parish

Welcomed newly discerned members present:

Lynda Wagner – retired after teaching 23 years at St. Scholastica – completing 2-years left by resignation of Mike H

Joe Heneghan – Parishioner 30 years, Art & Environment Committee 25 years, Usher, 5th Grade Catechist – discerned for 3-year term

Dawn Kunz – Not present – discerned for 3-year term

BUSINESS ITEMS

Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Meeting were approved as amended (Jackie A-1st, Mark B-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
 - Discussion: Holy Week
 - Holy Thursday procession short – no volunteers for procession with Holy Oils
 - Good Friday – Great crowd at 3 pm – would like to see more congregation participation
 - Discussed possibility of Living Stations at 10 am – Led by Youth Ministry? Also could take place Palm Sunday
 - Discussion: Liturgy Planning
 - Who actually does plan for Liturgies – Collaboration of many people
 - Bob M – schedules ministers
 - Kurt M – plans music
 - Lisa R – puts binders together
 - Mass Coordinators – make things run smoothly at Masses
 - Discussion: Liturgies of Holy Week and how they are planned – seemed confusing this year
 - Suggested need for rehearsal for liturgies of Holy Week
 - Increase ministers for larger mass attendance
 - Discussion: Altar Servers
 - Servers scarce – kids don't seem to come to mass
 - Possibility of training adult servers before/after masses

- Would like to see altar servers at school masses – change in system to Faith Families makes it difficult
 - Article in bulletin, announcement from pulpit, frame on narthex video – actively promote training of servers, both youth and adult
- Religious Formation – Religious Education – Beth C – provided letter thanking Pastoral Council for support
- Religious Formation – School – minutes on drive
- Religious Formation – Youth Ministry – Jonah T – Not present, no report
- Service/Outreach Commission – Mark B reported for Barbara S
 - CCW Garage Sale & Spring Fling
 - Daybreak – Adopt-a-Family Fundraiser raised \$14,432 – 412 days rent for families
 - Bread for the World Letter Writing – 210 people signed 592 letters – info can still be found on web site
 - Knights of Columbus – Fr. Damien play went well
 - St. Vincent de Paul – Report on Drive
 - Coming up:
 - CCW Deanery Meeting and End of Year Banquet
 - Roger’s Writers Christmas in July on July 25
 - Next meeting on ZOOM at 9 am on May 13
 - 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
- Parish Life Commission – formation approved by Fr. Norbert
 - Organizations:
 - Council of Catholic Women
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Encuentro
 - Hospitality
 - Scouts
 - Activities/Events
 - Parish Picnic
 - Chili Cook-off
 - Volunteer Appreciation
 - Ministry Fair
 - In conjunction with Hospitality Sunday beginning in October
 - Vision for Ministry Fair up to organization being represented
 - Speak before mass and invite those present to Hospitality in the gym
 - Gives a face to organizations
- Deacon Bob’s Comments
 - Eucharistic Revival with Deacon Tom
 - Work in progress
 - Renew the parish in the fall

- Sound System
 - Pentegra returning to work on sound system
 - Improve clarity of sound, both spoken and sung/music throughout the church
 - Suggest training cantors and lectors on mic use – send e-mail reminders quarterly
 - Room dynamics effect sound

Council Focus – Provided on agenda

- Parish Picnic will take place August 27 on site
 - Parish Leadership coordinating events and activities – all organizations and individuals who helped last year have agreed to help this year
 - Coordinators meeting May 16
 - Committee meeting the week of June 19
 - Set-up map will be revised
 - Lead volunteers being asked to return/help
- Appreciation of Volunteers – June 3 and 4
 - Blessing at Masses
 - Gift
 - Book mark/prayer card – made in-house and customized to parish
 - Volunteers to help pass out cards after Mass
 - 4:30 pm – Lynda W & ?
 - 8 am – Kathy N & ?
 - 10 am – Mark B & ?
 - 12 pm – Joe H & ?
- Discernment – April 24
 - Went well
 - 6 attended
 - 3 discerned (see previous information)
- Fr. Norbert’s Comments
 - Mark B – thanks for years of service
 - Michelle G – thanks for staying on to complete Don’s
 - Religious Education instructors need recognition – very proud of the good job they do
 - Will miss Beth – 1 call, still looking
 - Start of 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet
 - December 11, 2023 – September 8, 2024
 - Celebrations in Deaneries
 - 75th Anniversary calendars
 - Pentegra here 4 years ago – new microphones at that time
 - People do not put things back they way they should.....

The meeting closed with prayer thanks to Jerry M

September Meeting - Opening Prayer –

Closing Prayer –

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12 at 7 pm in Meeting Room 112

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