

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2022

7pm – Fireside Room

**Attendees:** Terri Field, Fr. Jim McNulty, Elisabeth Johnston, Denise Brady, John Brady, Megan Wolschleger, Lisa Smerdon (Jane DeRoo), John Bodnar, Renee Billotto, Deb Beaman, Deacon Don Esler, Alex Mager, Mark Tuttle

**Absentees:** Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Terri
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved per amendment
  - a. Funeral luncheon is \$18/person, not \$14/person as previously stated in meeting minutes. Megan amended.
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
  - a. Parish directory
    - i. What is proper name of council - Parish Council or Pastoral Council?  
Proper name is Parish Pastoral Council, which is how it is listed in bulletin.
    - ii. Is there a Vicariate Rep? There is no longer a Vicariate Rep, so that can be eliminated.
    - iii. Proofread parish directory and bulletin listing. Confirm directory format should be same as bulletin format.
  - b. Liquor licenses approval for Euchre night 5/13, Trivia night 6/11, Parish picnic 8/28, Advent w/candlelight 11/28. Approved and no objections.
  - c. Confirm whether Online Giving can receive donations for Christmas flowers & Easter flowers including a respective memo. Megan and Mark to investigate and report back to council members.
  - d. Review and discuss Goals & Objectives for 2022-2023

**NOTE – Items below reflect discussion and are not the final goals & Objectives.**

    - i. Goal 1 – *Approved*.
      1. Objective 1.1 – Get people back to church and reengage parishioners through small groups, social events, etc. and focus on all parishioners building relationships. Measured by occasional weekend Mass counts.
      2. Objective 1.2 – Reach out to people before/after sacraments, such matrimony, baptism, First Communion, confirmation, and RCIA to make connections and build relationships. Trim down the verbiage.
      3. Objective 1.3 – *Merge* with Objective 1.
      4. Objective 1.4 – *Remove*. This objective is used as a measurable method for Objective 1.

5. Objective 1.5 – *Modify*. Parish survey distribution during Mass is impractical in terms of time. Rather, focused surveys expected be more effective than general survey. Use original survey as a resource and can be shared with different groups in the parish.
  6. Objective 1.6 – *Remove* as objective. Increase visibility and accessibility of Parish Pastoral Council members by updating biographies, photos, and introduce members during Masses in September every year.
  7. Objective 1.7 – *Keep and modify*. Christian service opportunities are needed for many different groups throughout the parish. Reference volunteering opportunities within the community rather than specific to charities.
- ii. Goal 2 – *Add*. Family of Parishes
    1. Objective 2.1 – Actively participate with our family parishes by way of the covenant to provide alternative opportunities, collaborate to share resources and ideas.
    2. Objective 2.2 – State our own Family of Parishes covenant.
  - iii. Goal 3 – *Keep*. Increase our efforts to promote our St. Edith Parish and School as a unified whole.
    1. Objective 3.1 – Improve communication channels. Marketing Committee is not needed, but marketing and communication should remain an objective. Mary Ann heads up the social media communication. Consider planning joint-planned events.
    2. Objective 3.2 – Supporting young parents.
    3. Objective 3.3 – Joining parish and school families.

#### IV. FR. JIM'S COMMENTS

- a. Mass counts throughout three weekends is 877 average per Mass, which is increased from 754 in October. Pre-Covid was 1,300, so there is still room for improvement.
- b. Noticed young families are missing. How do we encourage particularly those families with Religious Education to attend weekend Mass? Daddy-daughter dance linked Mass invitation before the dance, which was well received. Do the Religious Education teachers have opportunity to suggest coming to Mass? Is there opportunity to incorporate Mass participation into the Religious Education curriculum?
- c. How does CYO publicize sports registration and events? Is it on parish website? Event coordinator communicates to CYO email distribution list, parish office, Religious Education, and school office.
- d. Video leading up to Easter suggestion is to focus on encouraging families to experience the unique family time and tradition making opportunity at Mass.
- e. Easter Mass schedule includes Easter Vigil and three Masses on Sunday. Chapel will be open to accommodate larger Mass attendance.
- f. Palm Sunday procession to include children from school families and Religious Education families.

- g. Following Easter, Deacon Don will commence the Over 50 Club for the parish.
  - h. Ukraine relief collection over one weekend's Masses totaled \$13,000.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No new to share other than what was previously shared in Meeting Minutes.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Motorcycle blessing scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- VIII. May 10, 2022 MEETING – Opening & closing prayer volunteers
- a. Opening prayer – Renee
  - b. Closing prayer – Deb
- IX. CLOSING PRAYER – John Brady