

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2022

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Denise Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, Terri Field, John Brady, Dan Vincent, Donna DeFavero

ABSENTEES: Renee Billotto, Steve Kraska, John Bodnar, Joe Bertrand, Deb Beaman

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Denise
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Welcome Donna DeFavero as the new Worship Commission representative.
 - b. Upcoming Pastoral Council monthly meetings
 - i. March expected to be a regular meeting.
 - ii. April expected to review and brainstorm updates to parish goals & objectives for the upcoming church year.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Lenten theme is “Connect with Us”; encourage people to reconnect with one another and build relationships.
 - b. Bringing back/welcoming people to church either at Mass or outside of Mass (service projects) is working.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - a. Patti Kelly’s efforts in service projects compliment both Knights of Columbus projects and Christian Service’s longstanding outreach programs.
 - b. Changes to this year’s Christmas outreach programs were well received by others; Denise Brady explained to fellow parishioners that we were able to reach more people due to these changes.
 - B. EDUCATION
 - a. Family Masses are well received by both school families and Religious Education families and encourage adults and children (back) in the church.
 - b. MOPS recently moved from Christian Service commission to Education commission.
 - C. EVANGELIZATION
 - a. Dan and Deacon Don have been meeting regularly to get Dan up to speed in his new role.
 - b. Parish spirit wear store introduced this week. Megan received the link via the weekly school email and will forward this link to Deb at the parish office to ensure it gets included in this week’s parish weekly email and on social media and parish website.

- c. Dan to coordinate with DO Apparel representative to get samples and display those samples in the Gathering Area for upcoming weekend Masses while current store is active until March 6th.
- d. For couples currently going through marriage preparation, they're wondering how they get involved in the parish particularly with other recently married couples.

D. SENIORS

E. WORSHIP

- a. Impressed with how much people do here at the parish.
- b. Organ recital was well attended with over 300 people.

F. FINANCE

- a. Doing well financially overall. We are currently finishing paying off the organ. We expect to be short on CSA. Christmas collection is slightly less than original budgeted amount.
- b. The school's Young Five's program is new and will launch next school year with 17 students already registered. It's a win-win and way to reach young families' needs.
- c. Fire safety overhaul upgrade is the next target for Finance Council. In addition to fire safety, consider active shooting training needs for the parish (volunteer leaders).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Pastoral Council member introductions
 - i. New photos of Pastoral Council members can be taken if wanted.
 - ii. Poster with all Pastoral Council to be displayed in the Gathering Area.
- b. Fish Fry
 - i. Dine-In and takeout options but not curbside options are available. Non-cash payment is available, but service fee is added to cover expense.
 - ii. Fr. Jim to ask Deb if weekly parish email info can be displayed in the parish hall on the projector screen to inform attendees of all that's going on in the parish.
 - iii. Parish bulletins to be printed for takeout orders, which is a way to inform those attendees who are not coming in the church of what's going on in the church.
 - iv. Table tents with QR code to St. Edith Parish website is an idea.
 - v. Dan to go back to Welcoming Committee to see who is interested in offering parish registration while at the Fish Fry.

VIII. March 14, 2023, MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening prayer – Megan
- b. Closing prayers – Terri

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – John Brady