

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2022

5:30pm Picnic - 7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

AGENDA

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Deb Beaman, Denise Brady, John Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, Terri Field, Steve Kraska, Tom O’Meara, Judy O’Meara, Greg Laskowsky, Gail Fisher

ABSENTEES: Renee Billotto, Deacon Don Esler, John Bodnar

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Elisabeth
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Grief Share – Gail Fisher
 - i. Spiritual-based grief program recently started and expecting to grow because participants can join program at any time. Asking for the help of Pastoral Council members to discern who in the parish may be interested in being a group leader. Program needs 2 group leaders.
 - ii. Currently there are 2 group leaders and 25-30 active participants.
 1. Tuesday 10 AM – 12 PM (16-20), Tuesday 7 PM – 9 PM (9)
 2. 13-week program, 2-hour weekly class
 3. Members are both parishioners and non-parishioners, which promotes evangelizing opportunity. We do not want to turn away future participants because inability to accommodate them.
 - iii. Leadership training class scheduled for Sunday, September 25th 2-4 PM at St. Edith Church; all training material is provided.
 - b. Finance Council FY report – Tom O’Meara
 - i. Parish budget variance including both church and school was positive.
 - ii. School
 1. EANS Grant – Emergency Assistance for non-public school of which St. Edith School received in excess of \$268k in funding from State of Michigan. The funds were used for (50) iPads w/cases, (5) laptops w/cases, new desks and chairs for teachers and students, update science lab, updated Internet throughout the school campus. Big thank you to Jackie Slaviero for taking the lead on acquiring the grant.
 2. HVAC unit was installed in the computer lab at cost of \$10k.
 3. Current enrollment
 - a. K-8 (185)
 - b. Preschool parttime (19), fulltime (17)
 - c. Latchkey/SEED (17)

- 4. Technology
 - a. Suggest including in the Finance Council's school budget in the future: technology maintenance, accountability, and management.
 - b. There is current opening for part-time parish position; currently interviewing.
- iii. Church
 - 1. CARES Act – Church received \$446,186 (net of filing fees).
 - 2. Improvements/repairs include organ console (\$48,792), water damage in parish house basement (\$13,000), church kitchen remodel (\$25,000), parking lot repairs (\$31,000), new conduit for Newburgh Rd. sign installation (\$5,000), church sound system improvement (\$4,000), church building shingles replacement (\$14,000) totaling \$140,792.
 - 3. Sunday collections (including Christmas) on target and received \$9,935 more than budgeted.
- c. Welcome / Thank you
 - i. Steve Kraska – Welcome!
 - ii. Alex Mager – Thank you!
 - iii. Jane DeRoo – Thank you!
- d. Meet & Greet – Individual introductions
- e. Reminder for commission reports
 - i. Every commission submits their Meeting Minutes, which are distributed to PC members via email throughout the month.
 - ii. Expectations at Pastoral Council monthly meeting should be focusing on how we are doing by reaching our goals and objectives relative to each commission.
- f. Next meeting
 - i. Fr. Jim asked to reschedule meeting due to availability.
 - ii. Monday, October 17th at 7 PM in Fireside Room.

IV. FR. JIM'S COMMENTS

- a. New School Principal – Lynsey Gennaro – hired during summer months with the help of search committee, and she is off to a great start and brings new energy.
- b. This is the year we officially move out of the pandemic.
- c. Monthly meetings for parents and service projects for all ages are being scheduled by Patti Kelly.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – No reports tonight except Finance Council

- a. Vicariate
- b. Christian Service
- c. Education
- d. Evangelization
- e. Seniors
- f. Worship

- g. Finance – see above
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Year 2022 is the parish’s 60th anniversary – do we celebrate/mark that? PC members will think about options for celebrating/marketing and bring ideas to next month’s meeting. For the most recent 50th year celebration, separate team was formed to take on this task. It cannot be determined at this time which team should take on this current task; it should be noted that a Marketing Commission would be ideal team to do this but does not exist at this time.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER
 - a. Opening prayer – Megan
 - b. Closing prayer – Steve
- IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Terri