

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2022

7pm Meeting – AV Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Denise Brady, John Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, Terri Field, Steve Kraska, John Bodnar, Joe Bertrand

ABSENTEES: Renee Billotto, Deacon Don Esler, Deb Beaman

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Megan
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Back to Church
 - i. Firsthand experience of people falling into different habits while during pandemic. Personal invitation in a casual setting (bank, restaurant, etc.) have worked.
 - ii. When Deacon Don started communicating to baptism parents that Mass begins at 11 AM, and baptism ceremony commences immediately after Mass, parents and families come to Mass.
 - b. Grief Share
 - i. Since last month’s PC meeting, Gail Fisher expressed her gratitude to our group and complimented us and our parish for being so welcoming.
 - ii. They did receive additional group leaders as needed.
 - c. Goals & Objectives matrix
 - i. John Bodnar created matrix breaks down responsibilities to determine who is responsible for doing what and reporting purposes.
 - ii. PC members will take home, read, and review before next month’s meeting.
 - iii. Consider how we determine measuring level of success for upcoming year using this matrix.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. 60th Anniversary – Fr. Jim met with parish Leadership Team.
 - i. Spirit wear should be accessed throughout the year and not necessarily for the anniversary. CYO Board has success in spirit wear sales. Wearing St. Edith apparel in the community is a way of evangelizing.
 - ii. Consider Christmas tree ornament as potential gift to all parishioners.
 1. Artwork – Fr. Jim to contact Connie
 2. Vendors – Elisabeth
 3. Quantity – approximately 2,000
 4. Budget – approximately \$5 per item

- b. Worship Commission representative
 - i. Focus will be finding a younger parishioner if possible.
 - ii. Consider altar server parent as a connection to the Worship Commission because altar server leader is currently needed.
 - iii. Fr. Jim will continue to be the representative until representative is appointed.
- c. Creating synergy within the parish – Church, school, religious education
 - i. “Family Masses” scheduled four times a year. Saturday 5 PM Mass led by school students, Sunday 11 AM Mass led by Religious Education students enrolled in Sunday morning classes, and additional Monday evening Mass led by Religious Education students enrolled in Monday evening classes.
 - ii. Talk to schoolteachers to find more ways to get children active and celebrate the children during Mass – Fr. Jim

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. VICARIATE – No meetings in the past two years and no upcoming meetings expected
- b. CHRISTIAN SERVICE – Denise Brady
 - i. Patti Kelly overlaps with the activities of Christian Service. Creates synergy between the church, school, and parish overall. Patti encourages parish council members to occasionally come to event and participate
 - ii. Holiday Outreach Program will change this year due to decline in the number of our local individual families in recent years and increase in need of local agencies for help. Instead, the focus will be directing supporting agencies. Fewer parish volunteers will be required due to this change.
 - 1. Thanksgiving – Food collection will go to Loaves & Fishes and St. Christine’s
 - 2. Christmas – Giving Tree utilized to support these agencies like Loaves & Fishes, Franciscan Ministries, Starfish Family Services that focuses on young children
 - 3. Easter – Food collection will go to St. Christine’s
 - 4. Those individual families will still be provided gift cards if they are still in need. Toni Sheffield confirming with those still in need.
 - iii. MOPS active and have weekly meetings who help us fulfill our Goal #3.
- c. EDUCATION – Deb Beaman is absent from meeting.
- d. EVANGELIZATION – Deacon Don
 - i. Focus is on welcoming and hospitality.
 - ii. Fr. Jim asked Deacon Don to find a representative for this commission.
- e. SENIORS – Joe Bertrand
 - i. Appreciate the additional handicap parking spots.
 - ii. Joe Bertrand continues to communicate to others to present to him any feedback/requests on behalf of senior citizens.
- f. WORSHIP – See Fr. Jim’s comments in above section.
- g. FINANCE – John Brady

- i. See minutes for details particularly on capital expenditures.
- ii. Improved lighting in the parking lot will be welcoming.
- iii. Good talent acquired and good decisions being made to continue being good stewards.
- iv. Overall, we are in good shape particularly since the pandemic.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. 60th Anniversary – See Fr. Jim’s comments in above section.
- b. Diaper changing stations in gym bathrooms – Request submitted and approved in 2021. As of January 2022, items had been ordered but backordered. Confirmed with Bob Calleja installation will be complete by end of October.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mother’s nursing room is available in the chapel to use, but people particularly visitors do not know where this is located. Recommend putting a note in the parish bulletin to communicate this item.
- b. Young Catholic Professionals – Steve Kraska
 - i. Speed dating organization that is only Catholic speed dating services in the area looking for places to host events. It’s a great opportunity to get (young adult) people in the door!
 - ii. Steve will coordinate with organization’s representative and follow up with more details at next month’s meeting.
- c. Sound system in the gym – CYO Board is obtaining quotes for upgrades to increase ease of use for all parish groups.
- d. Have we managed the flooding in the lower level of the school? It has improved in recent years due to extensive research and analysis. Flashing flooding remains an issue but steady rain is sustainable.

VIII. November 8, 2022 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

- a. Opening prayer – Denise
- b. Closing prayer – Mark

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Steve