

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2024

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, John Bodnar, Donna DelFavero, Jill Josey, Steve Kraska, John Brady, Denise Brady, Deb Beaman, Renee Billotto, Patti Kelly

ABSENTEES: Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Elisabeth
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS – None
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Feedback on Holy Week through Easter was positive, and all Masses and services were well attended. Easter Vigil attendance was larger than in any previous years, and Mass duration was slightly longer than 2 hours, which is less than previous years when it was 3+ hours. Fr. Jim is consider moving up start time from 8 pm to 7 pm.
 - b. School principal resigned last month; interim principal through end of the school year is Nancy Cusack who is the recently retired St. Michael School principal and current AOD employee. St. Edith School principal job posting is on the AOD website and Indeed.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - b. EDUCATION
 - c. FINANCE
 - d. SENIORS
 - e. WORSHIP
 - f. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING - previously provided written update
 - g. SOCIAL WORKER – Patti was approached by a new parishioner on behalf of nonprofit organization called *Into the Fire*. The group distributes sandwiches throughout the city of Detroit. Volunteering opportunity is to make 120 sandwiches on a monthly basis via SignUp Genius. Lunch meat, cheese, and condiment sandwich placed in a bag. Sandwiches must be put in the Parish Hall refrigerators by Thursday prior to the First Saturday. First volunteer due date is

May 30th, and the trial run this program for through November 2024. All details can be found here: <https://www.stedith.org/sandwich-squad>.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Goals & Objectives – Discussion from previous meeting
- b. Goal 1 – People
 - i. Personal encounters are a priority.
 - 1. How do we each make a commitment to personally interact with a fellow parishioner? How do we measure that as an objective?
 - 2. Consider the less is more approach at the beginning of each Mass when introducing yourself to a fellow Mass attendee and introduce yourself to one person and tell something about you or the parish groups in which you participate.
- c. Goal 2 – Volunteers
 - i. Is hiring a part-time employee necessary? Discussion followed and concluded that it is not currently needed, and it is not in the budget.
 - ii. Organization chart for each commission team's personnel - Create a template for all commissions to use to streamline the process but still give each commission ability to customize.
 - iii. Objective 3 – Don't need to ask non-profit organizations but other local parishes, such as Family of Parishes, to whom we are connected. For example, St. Kenneth *Time and Talent* questionnaire can be completed on the parish website. If we consider this an option, potential volunteers need to be contacted/acknowledged asap.
 - iv. Objectives 4, 5, 6, 10 can be further integrated with one another.
- d. Goal 3 – Family of Parishes
 - i. We believe we have met this current goal to the best of our ability and current AOD expectations.
 - ii. Decision made to remove as a goal for the upcoming 2024-2025 year and will be revisited year over year.
- e. Goal 4 – Environment
 - i. Get feedback from fellow parishioners and brainstorm renovations/upgrades/fixes.
 - ii. Develop a 3-year plan for this list in terms of priority.
- f. In general, each goal does not need to be commission-specific because we're all working to the same (general) goals & objectives.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Summer schedule no in-person meetings June, July, August, but will converse via email for any urgent matters.
- b. PC members still needed for the upcoming year include: Members at Large (2), Secretary, and Young Adult Representative.

VIII. May 14, 2024, MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening prayer – Renee

b. Closing prayer – Jill

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Steve