

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2024

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Elisabeth Johnston, Deb Beaman, John Brady, Donna Delfavero, Joseph Bertrand, Sherry Szymanski, Jim Wyzlic, Jill Josey, and Steven Kraska

ABSENTEES: Denise Brady

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Steven
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Reminder that on October 19th and 20th, Parish Council will introduce themselves during mass.
 - b. Reminder for the commission representatives to complete goal #2, objective #1 and turn in by November 30th.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Discussed volunteer of the month and stated that commissions can be creative with their form of announcements.
 - b. Announced the start of a women’s prayer group and stated that the specific structure of the prayer group is flexible and currently being developed.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - i. Reminder that if a group is using the AV room to please return things to where you found them and not to stack chairs, as some people have difficulty unstacking them.
 - b. EDUCATION – Commented that some parishioners have stated the pews appear dirty. Fr. Jim assured Council that pews are cleaned and maintained regularly, and pews upholstery does not change appearance with cleaning due to age.
 - c. FINANCE
 - i. Thanked Bob Calleja from St. Edith maintenance for his recent efforts with power washing and cleaning the front of the church.
 - ii. Addressed the prior year’s expenditures and gave reminder that St. Edith has a rainy day fund to accommodate years with necessary extra expenditures.
 - iii. Discussed accessible push-button for men and women’s bathroom in church hallway. Knights of Columbus Representative advised that they

will be unable to assist with funding for this, so finance committee will approximate cost for purchase and installation of devices and discuss results at future meeting.

- iv. Advised that they are assessing the installation of LED lighting in front parking lot. They will see if it is possible to install LED lighting on the back lot, but Villa Marie owns and controls the light poles behind the church. Stated that there is no current rebate program through DTE for LED lights, but it was suggested this may change at start of next year.

d. SENIORS

- i. Contributed to discussion regarding request for accessible push button for men and women's bathrooms.

e. WORSHIP

- i. See monthly meeting minutes distributed via email.

f. EVANGELIZATION

- i. Discussed Stephen's Ministry which allows volunteers to speak with lonely members of the community. Deacon Don has recently completed his training and he is searching for a few initial volunteers for this ministry.

g. SOCIAL WORKER (Written Report Reviewed)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Upcoming silent auction fundraiser to support cost of tuition. Open discourse was held to attract a wider audience and for the types of prizes.
 - i. Potentially request for members of the parish to volunteer their professional services on one occasion as a prize; to donate a trip to their time share; or even a day golfing at a club they are members at.
 - ii. Suggestion to locate school alumni and send them post card invitations
 - iii. It was also suggested to contact retired teachers and staff from St. Edith who still live locally and invite them to come to attract alumni to attend.
 - iv. Emphasize the importance of receiving a catholic education in the modern world to members of the parish who are not currently sending children to the school, and why it is so important that we all support them to help lower the cost of tuition.
 - v. Distribute postcards as personal invitations to parish members at donut Sunday and similar events.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

VIII. November 12, 2024 - next meeting

- a. Opening Prayer – Deb
- b. Closing Prayer - Jim

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Elisabeth