

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2024

### 7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

#### Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Denise Brady, John Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Jill Josey, Steven Kraska, Fr. Jim McNulty, Sherry Szymanski, Mark Tuttle, Jim Wyzlic

Absent: Deb Beaman, Joe Bertrand, Donna DelFavero

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Deb
  - a. Jim led the group in the opening prayer in Deb’s absence.
  
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES
  - a. Minutes approved as submitted.
  - b. Sherry volunteered to take the December meeting minutes.
  
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
  - a. UPDATE - Review Goal II and Objectives – use website as a starting point and review and update.
    - i. Commissions were instructed to review their commission descriptions on the website and make edits, as necessary. They do not need to write a description from scratch, but rather their descriptions on the website will suffice, with edits as needed. Once commissions review and edit their descriptions on the website, they should send their updates to Connie for them to be made to the website and also submit for completion of Goal II.
    - ii. Following the council members’ introductions at Masses the weekend of October 19-20, council members have fielded the following questions and comments from parishioners:
      1. Cleanliness of the pews
      2. Thank you to the Parish Council for their service
      3. Ciborium and wine goblets are tarnished. Can they be replaced or refinished?
        - a. Fr. Jim will look into the issue.
      4. Want to learn of school news in a timely manner, so parishioners can participate in school activities and programs.
      5. Want to meet the school principal.
        - a. The principal has been introduced at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses. Fr. Jim will coordinate for her to be introduced at 5 p.m. Mass.
      6. Those parishioners who need Communion brought to them should let the ushers know so they can coordinate with the EMEs

to bring Communion to them. There will not be a special section within the church for parishioners who need Communion brought to them.

- a. Fr. Jim will make an announcement and include a bulletin article to this effect. Also, he will have a discussion with the Worship Commission about how best to make sure those parishioners who need Communion who cannot come up to receive it, receive it.
7. Speed bumps will remain in the parking lot.
8. Additional traffic signs, such as a yellow line to create two-way traffic in front of the church to assist with after church pick-ups, will not be added at this time.

#### IV. FR. JIM'S COMMENTS

- a. October Pew Count - The October Masses pew count was similar to last year's count. Mass attendance numbers are still not up to pre-COVID levels. Activities such as children's choir and family Masses really help bring families to Mass. Fr. Jim will continue to work with the leadership team to incorporate ideas that attract families to Mass. Council members and others are encouraged to come up with ideas to bring families to Mass too in an effort to help grow Mass attendance.
- b. The liquor license for the Sip and Shop event in December was approved.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (New Year Review Goals & Objectives)

##### A. CHRISTIAN SERVICE - Meeting to be held later this week.

- a. Marsha Goode is the new St. Vincent DePaul chair.
- b. November's food collection is for Loaves and Fishes and replaces the Thanksgiving food drive.
- c. The Giving Tree with tags will be available the weekend before Thanksgiving so parishioners can take advantage of Black Friday deals. Gifts are due December 15 and pack day is December 17. Parishioners purchasing gifts should pay attention to the wrapping instructions for their gifts (i.e. some gifts are to be wrapped, others not wrapped). Giving Tree gifts will support the following organizations: Loaves and Fishes, Vista Maria, Franciscan Ministries, and Villa Marie.
  - i. St. Edith School SCRIP can be used to purchase gift cards for the Giving Tree. SCRIP can be purchased online through the St. Edith website with a code. Sherry will follow-up with the SCRIP coordinator regarding instructions and an announcement to be made at church, letting parishioners know how to purchase SCRIP online (i.e. a great option for purchasing gift cards for the Giving Tree).

##### B. EDUCATION - no report

- a. Next month, follow-up about the school marketing plan PDF referenced in the October Education Commission meeting minutes.

C. FINANCE

- a. Physical Plant Update
  - i. Moving forward with new parking lot lighting.
  - ii. It will cost approximately \$10,000 to install door openers in the men's and women's bathrooms.
- b. \$6,400 collected for the hospitality fund.
- c. Meet Your Match fundraising initiative will run for the month of December. Parishioners who increase their online recurring monthly donation or start monthly online giving, will have their donation increase or new monthly gift matched by an anonymous donor. Meet Your Match will be promoted in this weekend's bulletin. In general, parishioners are encouraged to give online and more than half of all donations come through online giving.
- d. The Finance Council will remind parishioners that St. Edith can be their charity of choice for IRA distributions and life insurance policies.

D. SENIORS - no report

E. WORSHIP - no report

F. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING (Written) - no report

G. SOCIAL WORKER (Written)

- a. Patty Kelly continues to do great work!

VI. OLD BUSINESS - nothing to report

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The gathering area can become messy and cluttered at times. It was recommended to keep the gathering area clean and tidy.

VIII. December 10, 2024 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening - Jim
- b. Closing - Jill

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Jim

- a. Fr. Jim led the group in the closing prayer as Jim gave the opening prayer.

Submitted by: Elisabeth Johnston

