

**St. James Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**  
October 26, 2023 @St. James Room 7 Parish Center  
*"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"*

**Attendees:** Fr Jordan, Fr Stephen, Chad Stovern (Chair), Rick Murphy (Trustee), Carolyn Evers (Chair-elect), Karen Preuss (Sec), John Barrette, Mary Ann Karas, Paul Smyczek (Trustee Secretary), Jennifer McFadyen, Tom Daniels, Dan Pedriana

**Excused: Tom Daniels**

**6:30pm Opening Prayer (Karen)**

**\*Approval of August Meeting Minutes and Additions to Agenda**

**• Old Business**

- **Parish Capital Campaign:** We are currently in the "silent phase" of the Love one Another campaign. It is a time to reflect and think on what you can do to assist St James in raising the \$3.5 million. The "public phase" will start in beginning of November
- **St. James Catholic School Reopening:** Kick Off on 10/21 at 6pm at St James Activity Center.
- **Midnight Magic:** We will be doing a float again this year in the Midnight Magic parade on 12/2 at 3pm. Rick said that we can use the same trailer and set up as last year. There is a need for another banner for the side of the trailer and/or back. **Action:** Chad will register with the Chamber. Chad will talk with Grover to see if he is interested in incorporating the school, mascot, etc. Strong in Christ provided candy last year and should be asked if they are willing to sponsor again.
- **Jack o Lantern Jaunt:** How did they event go?
- **Stewardship and Hospitality:** Dan is organizing our first hospitality event after mass soon.
- **New Members:** Fr Stephen brought a sample of what his previous parish provided. **Action:** Fr. Jordan will do a closer review of the welcome folder and share with Dan who will also work with Jim and Paul to create something for new members at St James.
- **Committee Reports:** **Are there any matters to be discussed regarding committee activity?** See attached committee reports, or liaisons should bring these up in discussion at this time.
- **Activity Center Sound System Upgrade:** Father Jordan's friend came to Family Movie Night on 9/15. He used our 2 speaker and brought 2 more. It was determined that we have good quality speakers, and it is likely more the source of the movie (internet) and we may need to look at using a DVD instead. We will continue to look at this and are also looking at the sound system in the church.
- **Finance Report:** Becky Baker has taken over. Fr. Jordan shared that finances are in good shape; offertory is up.

**• NEW BUSINESS**

- **Additions to agenda:**
- **1. Communion Kneeler(s) (Jim):** I've noticed several persons kneel down to receive the eucharist at communion time. I too, would do that if a kneeler was available. I would like us to consider bringing this back to mass and how it would be feasible to do.
- **2. Sound system for the Activity Center (Jim):** Again, I was at the movie night and it was difficult at best to hear the movie dialogue. This had a lot to do with the background noise in the center during the movie, but again it is a problem using two small speakers in such a large space. Anyone can go in there by themselves, when it is quiet and hear just fine, but with several persons and the usual noise created by a crowd, it doesn't work. Second incident: I had a complaint from a person who attended the meeting for the new school opening who sat in the back and couldn't hear very well. The sound system should be such that everyone can get the message.
- **Human Concerns Commission (Renee H):** The commission has had the same chair and members for the past 5 years. The chair recently moved out of the area. No one is in a position to take over the chair. The format of this committee has been primarily "education" for the past 5-10 years. As a parish, we have several other groups that satisfy the "action" of human concerns, such as St. Vincent de Paul, Elizabeth Ministry, Family Promise and the Knights of Columbus. No one from these groups is represented on Human concerns. I think

this may be a good time to restructure. Is it possible for the commission to meet quarterly and have the various members report on the “active” groups?

**Closing Prayer: Chad**

**NEXT Pastoral COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, November 30, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 7 Parish Center**

**Opening Prayer (next meeting): Tom**

**Closing Prayer (next meeting): Carolyn**