

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: February 15, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Jerry Leveille, Joe Herro, Audrey Szews, Jose Gallegos, Padge Haas, Carol Polivka, Larry Barbian, Suzanne Silman, and Julie McKendry,

Excused: Joe Schueller, Alanna Wilgus, Sandy Schmitt, and Tony Mallinger

Meeting started at 6:35 p.m. with an opening prayer furnished by Suzanne Silman.

The agenda was approved.

Continuing Business:

- A. Formation: Larry Barbian reported that the Parish/Committee will be looking for a new Director of Child & Youth Ministry. Stephanie McDermot will not be able to do the job next year. Audrey said that Stephanie had given some names for a potential replacement. It was stated that the parish will need to pay for what they need.
- B. Stewardship: Joe Herro reported that the committee is planning to have a Donut Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. mass on March 26th for families who have joined the parish in the last three years, as well as all parishioners. This gathering will be for the new members to meet each other, meeting other parishioners, share their experiences, and learn about opportunities available in the parish.
- C. Buildings and Grounds: Carol Polivka reported that they are evaluating the school sound system. This is part of their working on needs and wants as part of the Love One Another Campaign. Julie McKendry said that for the Feast of St. Joseph they would like to invite the parishioners to come see the school.
- D. Art and Environment: Suzanne reported that the committee is preparing for Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. During Lent there will be stations of the cross every Friday at 7:00 pm in church. There will be a food collection each weekend of Lent. Each week there will be a different charity receiving the food donations. There will be a specific list of what is needed in the bulletin each week.
- E. Parish Mission Planning Team, SWOT: Jerry Leveille reported that the Pastoral Council and Committee heads had a joint meeting in January to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the parish. The parish staff and school staff will have the same type of meeting in March. After that meeting a survey will be prepared for the entire

parish to learn what the parishioners feel is necessary. The Archdiocese has resources to help with the survey and we will use that help. After that we will decide on three or four things that the parish needs to work on going forward. Jerry stated that he would like to focus on opportunities for the parish with the key word being opportunities.

- F. Parking Lot Update: Julie McKendry reported that things are being worked on behind the scenes. Remaining items to complete for the parking lot will start as soon as possible this spring.
- G. Bible Study/Prayer Groups Lists: Julie stated that they are still contacting a few people for descriptions, contact information, etc. It is important to have the invite there for everyone to feel welcome to come. The list will be on the website.
- H. Come To Me: Audrey Szews reported that they had a Pray and Play after the 10:30 am Mass. It was a good gathering. She is looking for other things to offer to welcome people. She said that offering things for children encourages the parents to come. Jose said it is important to connect the school with the church. There was a discussion about offering prizes for attendance. There was a good discussion of ideas.

New Business

- A. Pastoral Council Basket for the Auction: Jerry said he would get a tackle box. It will be filled with appropriate gift cards. Pastoral council members can contribute money or gift cards to put in the tackle box. These should be in the office by next week.
- B. Eucharistic Revival Committee: Father Adam said he is working with a group in the parish on this project. He will give more of a report at the next Pastoral Council meeting.
- C. Voting for new Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary: There was a discussion of what the chairman does and how much time it takes. In the past the Vice Chairman presided when the president was unavailable and usually succeed the president at the end of his/her term. Because of the pandemic this has not happened the past few years. Jerry has graciously continued as chair. He is ready for a different role. He did explain what was involved in being chair. There were a couple of people showing some interest. Jerry said he would spend the next three weeks getting names in order and the election will be the first order of business at the March meeting. Padge did agree to remain secretary if the Council wanted her to continue to do the job.

Miscellaneous

- A. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be March 15th.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a Closing Prayer.