

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: March 20, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Fabián Rodas, Alanna Wilgus, Joe Schueller, Mike Smrz, Kelly Ciriacks, Padge Haas, Sandy Schmitt, Tom Zimmerman, Julie McKendry, Duane Filtz, Suzzanne Silman, Rachel Blackwood, Jeremy Blackwood, Carol Polivka, Tyrrell Hughes, and Larry Barbian

Excused: Joe Herro and Audrey Szews

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Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Alanna Wilgus.

The agenda was approved.

Alanna read a note from Karen Dabbert thanking the Pastoral Council for the enjoyable farewell party for Father Adam.

### **Committee Reports:**

Home and School: Rachel Blackwood reported the Father/Daughter dance was held. It was opened to the parish community. Also, the Mother/Son bowling party was held. She reported that upcoming events include Comedy Sports, the National Guard coming to do an obstacle course for the junior high students and the Junior Spartans are coming to do a volleyball tournament.

Parish Life: Mike Smrz reported that the committee did not meet last month.

Formation: Larry Barbian reported that three sessions were held on our patron saint, St. Joseph. The first two were given by Dennis Sylva highlighting the amazing character and historical background of St. Joseph. The third session was led by Roman Pikula. He handed out the book, "Consecration to St. Joseph" and spoke about prayers to St. Joseph, Litany of St. Joseph, the many causes St. Joseph is patron of, modern day interest in St. Joseph and contemporary shrines to St. Joseph. Larry also stated preparation for Confirmation and First Communion are in full swing. He said the committee has been talking about having young adults more involved in the parish. One thought is to have them mentor younger parish members.

School Council: Jeremy Blackwood reported the council is working to increase membership on the council. He said the people on the council are energetic and accomplished. They are working on updating and cleaning up the school's constitution.

He also said the council members are talking with families to see how the school year is going.

Finance: Julie McKendry stated the budget is being worked on. She said that Robbie Albright who is on the Finance Council will be giving a parish financial update at weekend Masses, possibly in early May.

Prayer and Worship: Suzanne Silman reported that the Night Rosary was well attended. They are considering doing one outside in July. The committee did the St. Joseph table that was on display during the St. Joseph day dinner. They received many favorable comments. The committee is busy preparing for Holy Week and Easter.

St. Vincent de Paul: Joe Schuller stated he did not have anything to report this month.

Stewardship: Duane Filtz reported that all of the St. Joseph Day activities were well received. He said he heard that people particularly enjoyed having the four priests concelebrate the Mass and attend the dinner. The March Donut Sunday was successful. Duane said the Men's Group wrapped up for the year. He stated that about 40 men from St. Joseph attended the Men of Christ day. He said the committee is working on a registration drive. He also reported they are working on an article for the bulletin about ministries that need additional help. They are considering having a banner to help foster gratitude. Duane said that David Niles is scheduling a training in April for the ushers for handling a medical emergency and CPR.

Eucharistic Revival: Sandy Schmitt stated that as part of the Eucharistic Revival parishes are being asked to consider the "Invite One Back" program. This involves identifying past parishioners who have lost connection with their local parish and then reaching out to them through appropriate means. Please contact Dennis Sylva if you are interested in being part of this program.

Buildings and Grounds: Carol Polivka reported that the committee is working on a five-year plan to determine what maintenance, updating, repair, etc. needs to be done and when. They would like to do things in a timely manner. Right now, they are looking at some roof repairs on the garage and gym that if done soon will extend the life of the entire roof. They are also looking at the boiler and vestibule heater for possible repairs. They are looking at sources for additional financing like donations and foundations. The committee is getting quotes for church lighting, audio, and pews and they are looking at the best way to share this information with parishioners.

## **New Business**

- A. Pastor's Report: Father Fabián stated he is happy to be at St. Joseph. He said everything he does is the first time he is doing it. He feels things have gone well during the first few weeks. He suggested having an intercession for an all parish intention. The Pastoral Council thought that was a good idea. Watch the bulletin for the intention.

- B. Parish Calendar: Julie McKendry stated she would like to have a monthly theme for things happening at St. Joseph. She suggested the Pastoral Council come up with a liturgical theme which would set the purpose for the month. She would like to have all the committees meet and put all their functions on the calendar. Next, she would like to have all the events taking place at St. Joseph be put on the calendar. This could be a tool for the entire parish.

### **Continuing Business**

- A. Parish Profile: In lieu of the February Pastoral Council Meeting the Pastoral Council, School Administration, Parish Staff and Parish Finance Council met with Brenda Cline from the Archdiocese, who is in charge of guiding Priest Placement. She guided our group with a series of questions to help us write a parish profile that will be given to the Archdiocese to share with potential pastors. Brenda emphasized Canon Law dictates how this process works and that Archbishop ListECKI makes all the priest appointments. At the March Pastoral Council Meeting Tyrrell Hughes graciously led a discussion using the comments from the February meeting and adding things we used to do and things that have been missing to write the profile. Discussion followed. The parish profile continues to be worked on. It will be completed and submitted to the Archdiocese in the coming weeks.

### **Miscellaneous**

- A. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with a closing prayer led by Alanna Wilgus.