

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: St. Joseph Room

Date/Time: September 21, 2022, 6:30 pm

Notes By: Padge Haas

Attendees: Father Adam Fernandez, Joe Herro, Jerry Leveille, Joe Schueller, Alanna Wilgus, Sandy Schmitt, Padge Haas, Deacon Kurt Peot, Carol Polivka, Nate Zilles, Lawrence Barbian, Stephanie McDermot, and Suzzanne Silman

Excused: Audrey Szews, Julie McKendry and Tony Mallinger

Meeting started at 6:30 PM with an opening prayer by Jerry Leveille.

The Agenda was approved

Continuing Business

- A. Parish Committee meeting visits and council invites – Jerry and Julie have been and will continue to visit standing parish committees. They are doing this to improve communication between the council and committees and give them a voice with the council and let the council know what they are doing. They have invited the committees to come to the Pastoral Council meeting. Some are here tonight.
- B. Updates: We want to work on letting parishioners know what we have available to them. Bible studies have started. Father Adam is working on having other offerings. The parking lot will be getting an additional layer of asphalt now that Oktoberfest is over. We are hoping the parking lot lighting will be up in November. Stephanie McDermot reported on Youth formation. She is working on improving communication and rebuilding the program. She reported there are double the number of confirmation students this year compared to last year. The First Reconciliation/Communion students are having a retreat this coming weekend. She has purchased new catechisms and Bibles. Suzzanne Silman reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee and Art and Environment committee held a joint meeting on September 20th. They discussed things that needed to be updated and improved in the church. The Art and Environment committee was pleased with the outdoor Mass.
- C. “Love One Another” Capitol Campaign update: Right now they are discussing what the campaign is about and how to reach people. The goal is to raise \$1.3 million over a five year period. 60% of the money raised will stay at St. Joseph parish. The money will be used for updating the church, faith formation, outreach and campus lighting. The Archdiocese portion will be used for schools, the seminary and Catholic Charities. The campaign is still in the soft part of the campaign. They have reached between 30 and 40%

of their goal. The mailing part of the campaign will start in October. Joe Herro suggested we have a projected timeline for the entire project.

- F. "Come to Me" Evangelization Program: Audrey Szews is working on ideas for evangelization.
- G. Father Adam reported that the chapel now has the tabernacle. He will be inviting groups to use the chapel. It is open for parishioners!
- H. Oktoberfest: This event was very well attended. It was a great community-building event. It showed St. Joseph to be a warm, welcoming parish. A big thank you goes to the Mallinger's for their leadership.

New Business

- A. Introduction of New staff member: Kurt Peot was introduced as a new deacon at St. Joseph parish. He will be introduced at the Masses September 24 -25. He grew up in Green Bay and attended Marquette University where he earned his degree in Civil Engineering. He was ordained in 2020. He is a member of St. Dominic parish. That parish has been blessed with many deacons so some are going to other parishes. St. Joseph is the fortunate recipient to receive one of St. Dominic's deacons. Deacon Peot has been a coordinator for the archdiocese for deacon formation. He is happy to be in a parish with a school. He likes confirmation students and feels small groups are important. He has four children and five grandchildren.
- B. New Parish Council Members: Right now the Pastoral council is at six members which is the minimum number required. We could use more members. If anyone is interested or has someone to suggest for the Council please contact Jerry Leveille. This item will stay on the agenda. It was suggested to send the Agenda for the Pastoral Council Meeting to all committee chairpersons. They are always welcome to attend the Council meetings. There is a training session for new Pastoral Council members being put on by the Archdiocese on September 28, 2022 at St. Agnes church in Butler at 6:00 pm. Jerry will send the sign up information to the Council members.
- C. New Mission statement: The new Mission statement is "A Family devoted to experience Jesus through prayer, formation and service." It will begin appearing in the weekly bulletin shortly.
- D. Parish Mission Planning Team: The next step for this committee will be to assess and analyze the parish culture and values followed by a SWOT analysis. Members of this team are Tony Mallinger, Sandy Schmitt, Jerry Leveille, Tom Zimmerman and Julie McKendry.
- E. Eucharistic Revival: This is a program to address the "unbelief" of Christ in the Eucharist. It was initiated by Pope Francis and is being carried on by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee began their three year Eucharistic Revival on June 19, 2022, The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. There is a day of Revival Preparation at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center on

Saturday, October 22, 2022. Jerry asked for Pastoral council members to volunteer to attend this day of preparation. Joe Herro and Alanna Wilgus said they would check their schedules.

Miscellaneous

- A. Deacon Peot led the closing prayer.
- B. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.