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The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mimi. A prayer asking for God to support the efforts of the parish council.

Question of the Week: Repent: When was the last time you experienced God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

- Sandra struggle and mission to get Altar Servers for Holy Week and Easter Sunday
- Stephen Working on how best to support the parish and family
- Ed Father had a stroke. He is in assisted living so Ed is trying to spend time with his dad and still support family.
- Alex Supporting staff and liturgies for Holy Week

Global Synod (2021-2023) - Stephen Sheahan

- Provided dates for final general sessions at our parish
- All notes are due by 4/19
- The report for Msgr. Stack's review is due by 4/26
- Final report for the Archdiocese is due on 4/30

Newcomers luncheon update - Mimi

- Most ministries represented since we re-started this luncheon
- Considering rotating invitations to ministries in an effort to save time

Update on 50th anniversary celebration - Carlos

• Carlos was not present at this meeting so no update was available.

List of current Ministries Update - Lia

• No update available as Lia was not in attendance

Donut Ministry Update - Sandra Long

- Provided update on offering donuts after 8AM and 10 AM liturgies during the last two weekends in May. Asking for donations from parish
- Council and other parishioners who are interested in getting this ministry started again.
- Will meet with John Doolen about providing bank account for this ministry and access to the funds.
- Need to promote the ministry in bulletin and possible large posters around the grounds.
- Ask for reinforcements to assist with giving out the donuts from Ministry leaders.

Vote on Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary - All

- Voted on Chair position Jean Pence nominated Mimi and it was seconded by Stephen.
 All council members voted in agreement.
- Voted on Vice Chair position Sandra nominated Jim Kucia and it was seconded by Mimi. All council members voted in agreement.
- Voted for Secretary position Mimi nominated Lia Armistead and Jim Kucia seconded.
 All council members voted in agreement.

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The ayes have it for all positions.

Finance Update - John Doolen

- Mention was made of the new Full time Youth Minister Mary Ashley Diaz.
- Alpha Wild Goose program (Catholic course) is in its 10th week. Well attended due to its focus on returning Alpha attendees. To date
- approximately 150 have participated in Alpha which is in its 5th year. Looking into combining Alpha programs.

Commissions Update - All

- Jim Kucia Small Faith drove Synod sessions. Many sessions were held among small Faith communities
- Stephen Sheahan Co-ordinating music and flowers for the church for Easter. Kathy providing long distance guidance.
- Ed Gallagher Plans to meet with the new Youth Minister]
- Sandra Long Update on Altar Server, ExtraOrdinary Ministry of Holy Communion and Hospitality ministries
 - Giving garden is doing exceedingly well. Providing fresh vegetables and herbs to those receiving help from our food pantry.
- Alex Miniel Faith Formation getting ready to close out this ministry with Holy Saturday Liturgy.
- Need more English community volunteers for Faith Formation
- Need disciples to help grow the parish especially in Faith Formation
- Assistance needed with Good Shepherd
- Hispanic community is very engaged with parish ministries and had the larger turnout for Synod participation. Attended by
 - seniors, young adults and teens.
- Rico Regnier Winding down Youth program and Y disciple.
 - o Final activity on 4/27. All youths are invited to an outdoor event
 - Confirmation preparations have started with sessions beginning in the Summer and will end in the Fall with Confirmation on Nov/5/2022
 - Need to identify teens who need to be involved in the youth program but not yet visible.
 - Looking to build Life Teen 'like' program. Working on getting it started.
 - Knights of Columbus had a successful Friday Lenten Fish Fry with approximately
 17 20% increase in funds over last year.
 - Provided over 1200 meals. The Fish Fry is building back up to where it used to be pre-covid. They are also planning more programs to increase funding to help the parish
 - Also exploring starting an Alpha program for the youths.

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• Jeff Cardell - Marriage Encounter group had their first meeting. They normally meet on specific weekends where a priest and a few couples are the presenters. This is a self funded catholic based ministry. They are a support group providing help with communication skills and faith promotion. First meeting was via zoom.

Action Items - All

- Meet with John Doolen to get an update on the Catholic Metro Sports offer to build and support a soccer field on parish property.
- Meet with Lia and Stephen to get update on list of our current/active ministries.
- The updated list will be used to give out assignments so that the council members can provide monthly updates on ministry/ministries
- assigned.
- Ask John to speak at the next Pastoral Council meeting about the Catholic Metro Sports initiative for a soccer field.
- Ask Mary Ashley Diaz to attend the next Pastoral Council meeting so she can be introduced to everyone.