

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2022**

Those present: Fr. Grant Gerlach, Kay Birkholt, Mary Kay Thompson, Joshua Schuh, Julie Hill, Justin Hooper, and Joan Roe (recording secretary).

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Gerlach.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to the members prior to the meeting. Julie made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Josh seconded.

Old Business

3. **Parish Church Directory:** Mary Kay spoke with the group about a company called Instant Directory. She said there were many great features but hasn't been able to find out yet if it would be compatible with PowerChurch. She will send information to Joan to disseminate to the PPC members.
4. **Book: *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*:** Fr. Gerlach mentioned that there are some podcasts concerning the book available on the Diocese of Sioux Falls website that would help with understanding the different chapters of the book.
5. **Parish Finance Council:** Nothing new to report.
6. **Social Services & Outreach Report for 2021:** Kay is still working on this flyer.
7. **February 2022 Parish Church Census/Sunday Mass Counts:** Fr. Gerlach reported the following figures for year-to-year comparison:
 - Year 2022:** 148 average/weekend; lowest count was 132; highest count was 162
 - Year 2021:** 86 average/weekend; just coming out of restricted attendance
 - Year 2020:** 167 average/weekend; just before pandemic began
8. **Diocesan Strategic Planning Process:**
 - a. **Town Hall Report:** Kay will send Joan notes to distribute to the PPC members regarding this report.
 - b. **Awaiting Profile:** Fr. Gerlach said that we have not yet received our profile, although the Diocese said they were mailed out a couple of weeks ago. He has asked for them to be mailed again.
9. **Major Mercy Fund (MMF):**
 - a. **Loaves & Fishes:** Mary Kay reported that the first distribution of the Loaves and Fishes MMF project went well. All 50 loaves of bread were distributed, and fish was distributed as well. She stated that after Len is over, a spiritual retreat or something of that nature along with baking bread will be held in the parish hall. Kay suggested having someone from Catholic Social Services come to give a talk on one of their services.
 - b. Two other possible projects:
 1. **Ramp-Up:** building handicapped accessible ramps for those in need in Hot Springs.
 2. **Provide computers and Internet service** (and people to help) to those who don't have these items so they can apply for help through Social Services
 3. Have a **cooking class** in the parish hall kitchen to teach those who do not know how to cook (especially Food Pantry clients).

New Business

1. **Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation Fishing Tournament (May 21, 2022):** A schedule is being put together for this event. Attendees will gather following the tournament in the parish hall for a meal and there will be a raffle as well.
2. **Additional Refrigerator/Freezer:** With the community meals coming up in June, the freezer in the parish hall will need to be utilized. Kay suggested we buy a refrigerator/freezer to be put in the sacristy for the altar bread and wine so the freezer in the parish hall kitchen would have more room for the items needed for the community dinner. This item will be put on the agenda for the Parish Finance Council to consider at their next meeting.
3. **Liaison for Foundational Ministries:** Fr. Gerlach mentioned that he would like the PPC members to become liaisons for the 5 Foundational Ministries. Justin suggested that he and Josh should be the liaisons for all the foundational ministries. There would also be a contact person for each of the ministries, making the PPC members the “go between” between the parishioners and the PPC. He asked the PPC members to come back to the next meeting with names of possible contact people for these ministries. Along with these ministries, Fr. Gerlach also mentioned a representative from Stewardship.
4. **Easter Celebrations:** Fr. Gerlach mentioned that we will have services every day from Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. We may need to have an evening Mass for Easter Sunday again this year.
5. **Community Meal:** Kay spoke about the Community Meals that will be held at St. Anthony’s beginning on June 9 and ending on August 25. Possible food suggestions are sloppy joes, hot dogs, beans, chips, fresh fruit, and ice cream. She will put together some sign-up sheets for help with the meals and thought that we would need approximately 12 people to help each week.
6. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. **Lenten Luncheons:** The Lenten Luncheons will be held every Wednesday, beginning March 9 through April 6 at United Churches, NOON-1P. St. Anthony’s will provide the soup, bread, and dessert, and Fr. Gerlach will present a reflection on March 30.
 - b. Kay said the **CDAs Rummage Sale** will be held from Thursday - Saturday, Oct. 6-8 at the Mueller Center.
 - c. Mary Kay mentioned there will be **another Rosary Rally** at Centennial Park on Saturday, March 19, NOON.
 - d. Fr. Gerlach mentioned there will be a **St. Joseph’s Table** again this year to be held on Saturday, March 19, beginning with Mass at 7:30A along with Eucharistic Adoration until 8:30A, followed by the Blessing of St. Joseph’s Table at 9A. Information regarding this has been put in this weekend’s bulletin.

Other Items

Justin asked about the outdoor sign. Joan said she had copied some information from a religious supply catalog and was given the name of Curt Lout to contact but didn’t know what we wanted the sign to look like. Kay will reach out to Curt to see if he could come up with some ideas for us to look over.

The next PPC meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, 6:15P, in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Gerlach closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Roe
Recording Secretary