

DIVINE SAVIOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2023

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PASTORAL CENTER

PRESENT: Bob Bichler, Joyce Buechler, Scott Ehaney, Pastoral Director Deb Hamm, Bill Johannes, Joann Karpin, Mary Navis, and Jennifer Thill. Also present were Trustee Bob Lallensack, Business Manager Terri Schueller, and guest Leon Jacoby.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Bill Johannes. The Hail Mary and Glory Be were recited, along with the Mission Statement. March minutes were approved.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE BREAKOUTS

FAITH FORMATION - No report was given.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

- The parish picnic will be held on Saturday, June 17th, starting with a 4:30 p.m. Mass. We need to check with Jenny Stemwell and make sure we have enough volunteers to help. All of the items for Mass need to be brought to the park in Belgium. Please remember that everything will need to be cleaned up once the picnic is finished.

Deb Hamm and Terri Schueller attended a stewardship workshop at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Contributions to both parishes are down. This summer a stewardship outreach will begin for prayer, time, talent, and treasure. Prayers and reflections will be included in the bulletin through November. In conjunction with the Year of the Eucharist, a small stewardship push within the Archdiocese will help. Three to five letters will be sent to parish families to help people reflect on living a life of stewardship.

FINANCE

The budget was balanced and approved. Contributions are slightly down. Tuition for the school will be increased, but committed families have been able to lock in at a lower price.

HUMAN CONCERNS - No report was given.

OUTREACH

We will be handing out a small gift for men at Masses on Father's Day weekend. Ideas were shared. It was decided to hand out a free drink coupon for beer, soda, or water on Saturday at the picnic. Chocolate bars will be handed out on Sunday.

An ice cream social is being considered for September.

OLD BUSINESS

The church picnic is **set** for June 17th at the park in Belgium. Father Steve will preside at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Announcements for the picnic will be given at least one week in advance at our **cluster and through other local parishes**. Please contact Maddie Schueller or Bill Johannes for questions.

The discernment meeting was held on May 17th at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross. Bob Bichler was recognized and thanked for his many years of service to the DS Council and parish. Mary Navis and Barb Duenk will serve their **second** three-year terms. JoAnn Karpin will serve a three-year term to replace Bob. We will need a replacement for Mark Shiningers position.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bill Johannes contacted Hannah Shiningers, and she has agreed to replace Mark for the final two years of his first term. Joyce Buechler will also continue as Sarah Heisler's replacement. We are thankful for all of those who have agreed to serve as Pastoral Council members!
- We are looking into a member directory for the cluster and parish that may begin in the fall.

Leon Jacoby mentioned that he ordered Masses at Saint Lawrence Seminary for priests. He passed around a card to sign for Father Guy Gurath.

- Terri Schueller reported that parishes will return to a pre-COVID 19 common cup distribution for Masses. Deb will have a conversation on this with members at the joint meeting.

The next meeting will be held on July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross lower level with food and fellowship to share.

There was a motion to adjourn by Mary Navis and seconded by Bob Lallensack. Voice vote: all aye. The closing prayer was read. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer **Thill**