

DIVINE SAVIOR PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes for March 22, 2021

Present: Father Gideon, Bob Bichler, Barb Duenk, Deb Hamm, Bill Johannes, Jim Kretz, Mary Navis, Lora Schroeder, and Jennifer Thill.

The meeting was called to order by Madonne Rauch at 6:08 p.m. An opening prayer, calling us to be disciples of Jesus and good stewards of the countless gifts and blessings God entrusts to us, was offered. The Mission Statement was read. A motion was made by Mary Navis and seconded by Lora Schroeder to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Voice vote: all aye. The January minutes were approved.

EDUCATION, HOME, AND SCHOOL REPORT:

1. With DSCS Principal Lynn Sauer being absent, Madonne Rauch highlighted a few items from the principal's report. The safety gates will be installed this summer. Our Lady of the Lakes donated funds to help with this project.
2. The fish fries were very successful. Each event was well organized and ran smoothly. There were no issues with jobs overlapping. Everyone stayed in place and did a great job.
3. Please refer to the DSCS March principal report attached to the meeting minutes for additional information.

CLUSTER CALENDAR:

1. There were a few items to change or include for the April cluster calendar. The left margin can be fixed, and the 10:00 a.m. time for First Communion on April 25th will be included.
2. In addition, it was noted the Pastoral Council nominations process dates were boxed in at the top of the page. *The Gift of Sunday* discussion dates will also be added into the calendar.

PICNIC AND RAFFLE:

1. It has been decided that Divine Savior will not have a parish picnic this summer.
2. Kay Falk has agreed to help with the raffle; however, Carla Schommer has not replied with a decision yet. Other volunteers will assist with stuffing the envelopes and other raffle duties. The time frame will be in July or August. Bob Bichler and Madonne Rauch also offered to help.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. Father Gideon reported that we had great speakers for the Ministry Fair. He thanked Council members for sharing what was going on in our parish community. Next, we will follow-up with emails as a reminder for volunteers. By May, there should be a deadline for volunteer interest. Secretary Jenny Stemwell can consult with committee chairs and keep a record of information in the parish office.

2. The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on May 24th. Father Gideon would like to start the joint council meetings again to begin discussing issues as a cluster. He will also propose this idea to Our Lady of the Lakes Council. The Joint Council will meet at OLL, but some people can have the option to join with a Zoom link. The Leadership Committee meetings will also begin again on this date. Snacks will not be served.
3. There will be a few changes for Holy Week. For Palm Sunday, palms will be given to each person with 125 also staying at Fredonia for the DSCS students. On Holy Thursday, there will be no washing of the feet; however, Father Gideon will ask families to wash each other's feet at home. Hopefully, this will keep the tradition and meaning of this sacred act central in our lives. There will be two crosses at the front of the Holy Cross Chapel for Good Friday. Ushers will hand out nails that will be dropped into pails. People may bow to venerate. For the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, candles will be lit. There will not be a fire outside. If capacity is reached for this Mass, there will be other options available to parishioners to attend Easter Masses at 8:15 a.m. at OLL, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross, and 11:00 a.m. at Dacada.
4. There was a Men of Christ event held at OLL on Saturday, March 20th. This was well attended, and there was a good sense of energy along with ideas for future interest and engagement.

DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY:

1. Madonne Rauch handed out a working spreadsheet with data gathered from the Disciple Maker Index Survey.
2. Father Gideon asked Council Members to read through the Survey results and pinpoint areas for parish improvement that can be discussed. When we meet, we can decide on the direction we want to go. Then, we can meet as a cluster to discuss common goals before coming back together as a parish to decide where to invest energy.

PASTORAL COUNCIL TERMS:

1. A handout on the Pastoral Council nominations timeline that Susan Risch created was given to members. Madonne reviewed the information. Bill Johannes and Barb Duenk will speak at Masses on the weekend of April 10-11th. Bill will speak at the 4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday evening, and Barb will talk on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Father Gideon will renominate the current Trustees.
2. Council Members will attend the Divine Savior Parish Discernment meeting on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Nominations will end on April 19th at noon. Madonne, Bill, and Mary will contact the people who have been nominated, once Jenny Stemwell compiles a list.

BULLETIN UPDATE:

1. It was agreed that current changes made to the parish bulletins have been positive. The bulletin is easier to read, and there is also more white space.
2. The last bulletin committee meeting will be in April. Different areas of the bulletin will be highlighted in color, but the structure will be consistent throughout the pages.

The May 24, 2021 meeting will be held in person at Our Lady of the Lakes at 6:00 p.m., along with the Leadership Committee meeting and Joint Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Navis and seconded by Lora Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all aye. The closing prayer was read. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Thill
Secretary