

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2023, Noon to 2:00 PM

Present: Fr. Tom Farrell, Deacon Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Diane and Larry Kalscheuer, Jean Krebs, Angela Packard, Tom Polacek, Mike Trebotich, Jim Schorer, Chris Schmitz, Kathy Wolff

Welcome and Check-in: Sharon opened the meeting by reading a reflection, and we shared our reactions to it.

Review and Discernment to Accept December minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Update and discussion from Nominating Committee:

- Via Zoom, Diane Kalscheuer introduced Kim Ristau to us. Kim would like to sit in on a meeting to see if she would enjoy being on Pastoral Council.
- Heidi Keen is very interested in joining the council.

Nominating Committee chair Mike Trebotich asked Father Tom what he would like to see the Pastoral Council do. Father replied that he is very glad for the way that we relieve stress on him. He reminded us that we are eyes and ears for him and that we need to bring things to the council so that, as Father said, "we have the same goals."

- Members of the committee shared draft bullet points prepared for presentations after mass when a member of Council speaks at masses.
- Dcn. Tony noted that it's important to talk about the selection process with the parish because then the process is transparent.
- Sharon asked us to consider what will attract people to join the council.
- Larry reminds us that daytime meetings will eliminate a lot of people and that Council needs a zoom option

Current recruiting goals for council members:

- We will target 2 new members initially.
- We want 3 more in the summer.

Timeline: Schedule presentations for March or April

Special skill sets required: Council members need to keep their eyes and ears open for someone who can oversee the Family Life commission. That position requires a certain skill set just like Faith Formation and Bible Study do. Tom observed that we need to do better singling people out for leadership. His preference is to reach out to the parish before our next business meeting so that those who are interested could attend that meeting.

Conclusion: Nominating Committee will work up bullet points that reflect what we heard in the discussion and will schedule presentations after weekend masses.

Stewardship report:

1. The 2023 Stewardship campaign will occur in June. The timing of the kick-off and the related announcements will be synched with the gospel for June 18: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...." Matthew 9: 37-38).
2. The Service and Sharing Committee will incorporate tasks noted in Goal 3 (Project #2) of the Parish Mission Plan.
3. The committee will be sending out an annual letter and report to those who contributed to the Endowment.
4. The Endowment Advisory Team will meet this spring to lay out plans going forward.
5. The Volunteer Appreciation event is Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Entrust initiatives: the marketing committee will work on these goals at their next meeting.

Post mass gatherings:

- The Pastoral Council will take the first post-mass gathering.
- Chris suggested that different groups could take ownership these gatherings.
- 1 per month; the Washington Island community already does this with soup and bread.
- Father wonders about whether we could do all sites on the same weekend.
- Tom believes that having Father linger is very important, so we should schedule so that he can attend.
- The Marketing Committee will discuss these ideas at their meeting. Jim Schorer is a member of this group.

Monthly entrust gatherings

- The team planning these gatherings meets tomorrow, February 8.
- Current plans for these gatherings include:
 - Invite past attendees to come
 - Begin meeting during Lent
 - Share about how things are going
 - Socially support each other

Liaison roles:

Each of the 4 commissions has a liaison that carries information between the Council and the Commission or Committee

- Faith Formation
- Worship
- Family Life
- Living Justice

Living Justice report:

SVdP may run low on funds; food pantry has extra money and will give funds to SVdP.

Prayer shawl group has extra shawls and would like to give them to someone. Sharon suggests that we tell Jan Liss of the availability. Jim noted that Kriss Schorer receives calls re those who need assistance. Respect Life Committee needs volunteers to lead rosary before mass.

Faith Formation: On Friday, July 28 at 8 am there will be a send-off mass at BH for the 14 teens plus adults, 20 in total, who are going to World Youth Day in Fatima. A van will take everybody to the airport that day. The trip runs from July 28 to August _____.

Jean needs shoe boxes to hold prayer requests that the kids can take to Fatima.

Angela suggests that we have a list of the kids so that we can pray for them. Can we list their names in the bulletin? Dcn says he'd like to be able to have communication set up.

Notes from Webinar on Synodality (The Challenges and Opportunities) Sharon distributed notes from a webinar presented by Alpha and Divine Renovation. A key idea for all who are involved in ministry is that we are a welcoming church that tries to meet people where they are. How do we live our vision?

Pastor update: Fr. Tom stressed the importance of helping people know they are appreciated. He also reminded us that on March 26 the exhibit of between 50-75 posters of Eucharistic miracles will come to our Sister Bay site.

Next meetings:

- February 21, 2023, from 9:30-11:30 am: Annual meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils about the budget at Egg Harbor
- April 4, 2023, at 12:00 pm: Business meeting at Egg Harbor
- We discussed options for our annual prayer meeting. The date has not been determined yet.

Closing prayer: Sharon lead us in prayer, and we adjourned the meeting at 1:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wolff

February 13, 2023

April 4, 2023 approved