

**Minutes Pastoral Council Meeting at Sister Bay**  
**Tuesday April 12, 2022**

**Present:** Dcn. Tony Abts, Sharon Brabson, Pat Gureski, Pete Passuntino, Jeanne Rabel, Angela Packard, Terry McArdle, Jean Krebs

**Opening Prayer and Reflection:** We began the meeting at 1:33 with all members present sharing what is occurring in their lives. Sharon led us in a gospel reading and an opening prayer. Peter Passuntino discussed how it is easier to correct tree growth, when the tree is young and we need to help young people to grow. We discussed the need to slow down and make sure God is in the center of our choices.

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes from March 15, 2022:** The minutes were approved with minor corrections that Sharon added.

**Entrust Training Update:** Deacon Tony reported that nine people have signed up for the Entrust Training in May. Some people prefer “We come to Share our Story” for the title of the training. During this training we will share our story. This reminded some people of the “Chirp” training where people shared their story in small groups. The sharing grew easier with time and we as Catholics should be able to explain why we would want to go to the Catholic Church. Deacon Tony shared that his answer included the Eucharist, the true body of Christ. We discussed the importance of meeting people where they are and listening to them. Our goal is to bring people to the church and not push them away. After the initial training of key leaders, the program will be opened up to parishioners (after a mass and homily which discusses service like Pentecost Sunday).

**Board Recruitment:** Sharon reports that we need new Parish Council members. We have delayed this because we were waiting to see if our role would change with Parish Mission Planning. It was decided that Sharon would resend the one page letter that requests that an individual joins Parish Council to Deacon Tony and that Father would send this request to the individual. Sharon currently has 4 names that the letter could be sent to from Father. She is requesting more names and we brainstormed some more individuals. We need at least 3 new members and would prefer 5.

**Annual Report Planning:** The annual report template from last year will be used again. Jeanne Rabel reported that 80% of the respondents did a good job with this template. It was suggested to add a sample of a good “Our Story” to help the groups complete. Jeanne Rabel had an example of citizenship that made for an interesting read. The annual report template will be

sent to the groups on May 6th with a return date of June 30th. Sharon requested someone to send it out. Kathy and Sharon will do the organizational chart and dates are very similar to last year. The new dates for mass election of the trustees is August 6th and 7th. A ballot will also be sent online. Deacon Tony will put the annual report online. Sharon is going to retype the annual report calendar with correct 2022 dates updated. In Fall, a new campaign called 1:1 will be implemented. Other parishes have begun this campaign and a piece of each dollar collected is returned to Stella Maris. A discussion of how expensive and important it is to educate seminarians. This program may help raise funds. There is a fund-raising rule of thumb that it is best to not ask for money too often (once every 10 years was stated). The endowment asked for money in 2021 and currently has over 1 million dollars in this fund. When the endowment fund reaches 2 million the interest will be used for funding Church activities. The fundraising rule of thumb may not be valid, since so many other non-church entities ask for money and we may need to start addressing these needs. The 1:1 campaign may roll out in Fall 2022.

**Pastoral Council Calendar Review:** Sharon asked for input on the Pastoral Council Calendar. We agreed quarterly meetings are good. The Financial Council has monthly meetings, and quarterly meetings allow us to give them some information on Parish needs (Terry called it a 2-way street). The Entrust retreat in May will be used as the Day of Reflection. Sharon will put the dates together and we will wait to decide the exact training dates and planning dates for Fall. The feedback was positive on the Revive training and some social event. The exact calendar may not be constructed until after July. We will figure out what works for the group after the new members join and we consider their schedules.

**Pastoral Council Self Evaluation:** The board needs to fill out a self-evaluation of the past year. Sharon will send an e-mail requesting our feedback on the following questions: What has worked well in the last year? What hasn't worked well? And what new ideas would the committee benefit from?

### **Closing Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 with a closing prayer for peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Krebs