

**Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday April 4, 2023 Noon to 2:00PM**  
**Egg Harbor Office**

**Welcome and Check-In:** The meeting was called to order at noon.

**Present:** Fr. Tom Farrell, Dcn Abts, Sharon Brabson, Angela Packard, Tom Polacek, Jim Schorer, Mike Trebotich, Jean Krebs, Chris Schmitz, Kathy Wolff

**Reflection and Prayer:** We read and reflected on Matthew 27, the Crucifixion. In our hearts we can pray to change; Jesus wept. How can we live in this world and make it better because Jesus lives in it? Faith and prayer will ground our efforts to do so.

**Review and Discernment to accept February minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and approved pending the correction that we hope to add two members immediately.

**Update on FAMily gatherings:**

Jim Schorer reported on the Marketing Committee's planned FAMily gatherings after mass. The committee will use the Stewardship Committee's project plan template to announce and organize the events; food will be appropriate for venue, time of day, and seating at the different sites. Because of differences at each site, the committee will host a meeting with representatives of all the committees to discuss the the gatherings. Among the details mentioned were nametags, checking out the kitchen and its equipment, and the need for volunteers.

**Discussion about FAMily gatherings:**

**Budget:** groups should have guidelines and control of the budget for their events. Dcn Tony is working on budget to present to the Finance Council. He estimates that these monthly gatherings will cost \$200 per session, or \$8k per annum.

**Announcing and contacting committee leaders about FAMily:** Each of the commissions/committees on the spreadsheet we received needs to be contacted, informed of the plan, and asked for feedback. Even if we cannot not fill the whole calendar, we should go ahead and schedule as many events as possible. Pastoral Council and the Marketing Committee will contact leaders to invite their participation and schedule an event. Deacon Tony will send an email that identifies leaders to all members of Pastoral Council and Marketing Committee.

As PC and Marketing Committee members select the leaders whom we intend to call, we should reply to Deacon's mail by using "reply all" to avoid duplicate calls to committee leaders. Dcn will send a list of leaders out tomorrow.

**Welcoming:** Consider welcoming visitors with a personal announcement. The group that hosts this event will own it, and the groups should feel free to personalize to accommodate site differences. Committees will have the chance to describe the work the group does, and parishioners/visitors will be able to connect with each other. The emphasis in the gatherings should be on connecting with each other rather than recruiting.

**Recruiting Talks for members of Pastoral Council after Mass: April 15, 16**

- **Speakers:** 4 pm AP; 6 pm KW; 8 am SB; 10 JB. Speakers should send names of interested parties to Mike.
- Tom noted that it is very effective to have the pastor make the ask. We want to use everyone's time efficiently.

**Member Nomination Process:**

- Kim Ristau from Washington Island and Heidi Keen are interested in joining the council.

**Nomination and Discernment for Pastoral Council Leaders (FY 2024):** Sharon's term will end July 1. No one volunteered to chair, and no one was nominated. Mike suggests a rotating chairmanship during which the chair puts out the agenda and communicates with the pastor and the deacon as needed.

**Other comments:**

We should be staggering the terms of those who join the Council now. At this point, we are initially interested in contact and conversation. We will do the talks as planned and determine future steps after we learn of interest.

The topic of digital communication surfaced. Someone commented that we should pray about whether we have time to take this on.

Offering members time of day and zoom options provides important flexibility.

The job of selecting a reflection should rotate.

**Entrust Initiatives:**

- April 19 Entrust Alumni Gathering 10-11:30: more information will be provided within the next few weeks.
- Future Entrust Retreats: The diocese has asked Deacon and Fr. Tom to be trained as facilitators. Deacon thinks we've made good progress on Parish Mission Plan. We will hold another retreat in either in May or June. Deacon Tony is not sure how much support the diocese will provide.

**Thoughts from Breakfast Meeting:** Chris noted that some of these ideas came because of Entrust.

- We need to do things for families. Chris had benefited from Focus discipleship b/c it helped him to develop his faith. The mantra is "win, build, send." Chris would enjoy meeting other parents/people with kids. The "fraternity element" was very positive.
- Consider concrete ways that would make the churches welcoming to families:
- Cry room in Sister Bay
- Communication from parish
- Incorporate a hang-out/linger time after mass
- Hold Faith Formation during mass
- Leverage technology to share the names of other young families. Gabriel can pull a list of parishioners with young families.
- Determine other ways in which we can support people. He feels a sense of urgency to connect with these people because our parish and church depend on them for the future.

### **Annual Report—Incorporating actions resulting from Entrust**

- Sharon is willing to do the AR because she has info on her computer, and the format works well.
- Committees/commissions might report on how the new initiatives are coming along; “how is your work as committee x reflecting the mission planning process?”
- Alternatively, they might choose to capture stories about how the Holy Spirit is calling to them.
- At the annual stewardship celebration (September 14), Tom would like a 2 page summary: p.1 looks back over the year; p. 2 looks ahead to future plans
- Sharon will get something out about the Annual Report in May.

### **Emergency Preparedness:**

1. Some years ago Pete Passuntino had planned some safety instruction pre-pandemic. Pete is willing to make a presentation to us, and he thinks he can get something together after Easter. This training will not include AED.
2. AED training: Ushers will be invited to attend a one hour familiarization session on AED’s presented by Carol Forner, Training Center Coordinator for the Sister Bay and Liberty Grove Fire Department, **at Fish Creek on Friday April 28 at 4:00 pm.**

### **Next Meetings:**

June 23, 2023: Training meeting in the morning for 2 hrs; time tbd

July 11, 2023: Business meeting; time tbd

Closing Prayer: Fr. Tom lead us in prayer, and we adjourned at 2 pm.

