Pastoral Council Meeting

February 3, 2022

Members Present: Kelly Restad, Virginia Esslinger, Virginia Wilson, Diane Gunderson, Linda Palmiscno, Fr. Gross, Ellen Rose

Members Absent: Jennifer Fetsch

I. Call to Order – Kelly Restad called the meeting to order.

II. Prayer - Fr. Gross led council in prayer.

III. Review Agenda – Agenda was approved with no change.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

a) Pastor’s Report - Fr. Gross reported that there was a parish meeting in January to discuss the upcoming synod. He put together the results and sent them to our Dean, Fr. Luke Meyer. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage us to look at ourselves as a mission and not just a maintenance church.

Fr. Gross will be attending a World Wide Marriage Encounter on the weekend of the 12th and will need to help facilitate some Marriage Encounters in the future.

Father suggested that this year we dispense with the Annual Report to the parish and, instead, have each ministry write a synopsis that we can put in the bulletin weekly. Father will write an annual report letter and Ellen will do financials to send to each parish family.

Father reported that a new facility is being built for the elderly and that he is trying to reach out to management to find out what their plans are for Mass. Father emphasized the importance of a presence to the elderly. There would be a possibility of Fr. Gross celebrating Mass weekly there and possibly monthly at Parkwood Place.

He talked about the lack of calendars provided this year. He will be investigating that further. We may need to buy our own for our parish.

b) Health/Social Concerns/Prayer Shawl Ministry Report – Virginia Esslinger reported that they will be meeting next week. The Cookie Walk made $19,084. The leftover cookies and breads were distributed to LaGrave and St. Anne’s. The Jesse Tree was a big success this year. Virginia would like to see if Dana Kennelly would like to speak at the Lenten Soup Supper to tell about the needs of young people in our own community.

c) Religious Education Report – Fr. Gross reported that on April 23rd confirmation will be celebrated in Manvel. Confirmation retreat will be Wednesday, February 16th. Father has two RCIA candidates.

d) Knights of Columbus Report – Kelly Restad reported that the KC’s are hoping to re-engage some family activities such as pizza nights on Fridays during Lent after Stations of the Cross. They will be hosting a Free Throw Contest this weekend. A St. Joseph icon will be presented Wednesday evening. A KC breakfast will be on Sunday, February 13th.

e) Altar Society Report – Diane Gunderson and Linda Palmiscno reported that Christmas church cleaning took place on December 3rd with members of the Altar Society and KC’s. The Month of Money raffle tickets were mailed out to parishioners. Drawings will take place on Monday and names of winners will be posted on the calendar in the back of the church.

The Senior Party will take place on Saturday, February 5th.

The Adult Bible Study is underway and will continue on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The Altar Society is writing procedure guidelines for their events that are accessible to everyone.

Altar Society will be meeting next Monday, February 7th and they will begin preparing for the Lenten Soup Supper.

f) Liturgy Committee Report – Liturgy met on November 30th when they discussed the results of the Time ‘n Talent. There was a very poor return. New prayer cards were inserted in the missalettes.

Daily reflections for Advent and Christmas were given to parishioners.

There was a Children’s Mass on December 17th followed by their Christmas Program.

The Organ Showcase was poorly attended but the music was wonderful.

g) Finance Council Report – Kelly Restad reported on the finance council meeting earlier that evening.

h) Next Meeting – Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

V. New Business – None

VI. Adjourned