

Parish Pastoral Council Agenda
Tuesday Apr 4, 2023
7:00pm Rooms 101-103



Present: Fr. Mike Anderson, Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Don Hohn, Rusty Ray, Paul Siler, Keith Sjostrom, Kelly Summerville, and Mollie Tobias

Excused: Ron Peterson, Brian Sauter, and LeAnn Zogg (Trustee)

1. Opening Prayer:

Good and loving God, our source of love and light - Thank you for bringing us together today in a spirit of generosity. May we honor one another by keeping an open mind. May we voice our truth and listen with an open heart. May we discern your will to unite in fruitful outcome. We ask for your wisdom and grace, to use our talents for the betterment of others. With gratitude, we offer this prayer in your name. Amen

- Debra Mooney, PhD

2. Welcome Don

- Fr. Ken's 60th anniversary of his ordination was in Feb. Fr. Mike's 40th anniversary of his ordination will be this year. Don is planning a celebration after Mass on Father's Day.

3. Accept March minutes.

4. Read Section 3, part A & Part B through paragraph 31 of Post-Synodal Pastoral Letter, Let me know if you need copies.

- Read through paragraph 27.

5. Father Mike's Updates:

-Evangelization, new Apostles, Staff

- There will be a meeting at St. Joe's on May 6 with the Synod Evangelization team

6. Old Business:

-Capital Improvements, parking lot, other. Sub -Committee update.

- Ideas include hiring an architect, possibly using solar, renovate existing office spaces
- Sub-committee members include Ted Brausen, George Burr, and Amy Moore
- Sub-committee will get bids for an architect for the next PPC meeting
- There is a concern among the parish council with removing trees to expand handicap parking

7. New Business:

-Celebration of Fr Mike, Fr Ken & Deacon Tom Years of service. New Officers.

- We need a new chair and vice chair for next year. Josh will be secretary again next year.

8. Commission updates:

Pastoral Care, Charity and Justice, Faith Formation, Liturgy, Finance, Communications, Facility, Community Life and Synod.

Faith Formation

- See Attached handout

Social Justice

Talking Points:

-Social Justice worked with 4-5th graders on making bandages for countries around the world

_A butterbraid and pizza sale was a nice success and we will be holding a Fair Trade breakfast and market on April 22-23. Team members are hard at work on our upcoming Fashion Show May 6 to promote women and children in Guatemala. Our parish collection date has changed due to a missionary speaker sent by the Archdiocese. We will hold our collection May 13-14.

Stepping Stone is having their Gala April 14 and St. Joe's people are involved in making this event a success.

We asked to have our food collection bin into the Gathering Space where it can be seen and easily donated to. We are talking about making a new one – this one has been used for many years so we're discussing an upgraded look and a few features that will help with collection and loading/unloading.

We have collected over 40 Easter meal baskets and are distributing them locally and some to the White earth on Holy Thursday as well as some other food collected.

Faith Formation Parish Council Update - April 4, 2023

A. Program Update

a. Confirmation

- i. Completed last session for Year 1 on 4/2, including a Stations of the Cross session led by Samantha.
- ii. Year 2 has one more session.
- iii. Yr. 2 Retreat at Camp Wapo Saturday, April 29
- iv. Yr 2 Confession Prayer Service with individual confession May 7
- v. Rite of Sending and Receiving for Year 2, Sunday May 21

b. Elementary and Middle School

- i. 54 of 55 families braved the snow on April 1 to attend the First Eucharist retreat
- ii. Pizza party for the end of the year on April 12
- iii. Egg Hunt on April 8 - 100 kids registered!
- iv. Vacation Bible School - Stellar Shine Jesus' Light - June 19-23

c. Pre-K/K

- i. Adventure Kids wrapped up their last Sunday meeting on 3/26.
 1. 37 kids were enrolled in the program
- ii. Children's Liturgy of the Word has a few remaining dates: 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

B. Staffing

a. Director and Confirmation Coordinator positions are open.

- i. Job has been posted on multiple websites.
- ii. Faith Formation Commission member, Erin Secord, passed the job posting on to her husband who has connections with the Theology department at St. Thomas
- iii. Confirmation Plan B - Samantha is working on setting up the program for a possible volunteer driven model, with different roles for volunteers to play in the event we do not get a new leader. Current catechists would play a significant role in the program and we'd need more support from confirmation families

C. FF Commission

- a. Continued discussion on Family Formation options and Confirmation Plan B
- b. Next meeting is TBD by the end of April.