

Parish Pastoral Council Agenda

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:00pm Rooms 101-103



Present: Fr. Mike Anderson, Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Don Hohn, Robert McMullan, Ron Peterson, Rusty Ray, Brian Sauter, Keith Sjostrom, Kelly Summerville, and LeAnn Zogg (Trustee)

Excused: Paul Siler

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for wisdom and support as we begin this meeting. May everything we do, begin with your inspiration and continue with your help.

We ask for guidance throughout this meeting, that all of our thoughts and actions would reflect your Holy will. Remember that all of our concerns are aimed at the spiritual transformation of our parish community.

We do ask you to grant us the grace to love you and our neighbors more perfectly. And to remind us that all we do here today, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you. We ask all these things in your name. Amen

(taken from All Saints' Church)

1. Approve March minutes (see attachment)

- Clarified in March minutes that facility project quotes go through Finance Council for approval

2. Thank you for helping with soup supper

3. Begin process for obtaining new "at large" member.

(Bob McMullan's position)

- George Burr will email Anne Serwe and Amy Moore about language to use in a bulletin article

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

Faith Formation:

- April 20 is Faith Formation picnic – opportunity to see what program is like – taking place of Joe's Diner that night
- Will finalize position for Kelly's role with Faith Formation Council this Thursday, April 7
 - Position will be for Grades 1-5
 - Scott will pick up grades 6-8
 - VBS will be the 3rd week in June

Liturgy:

- Andrea Grasse is looking for ministers for Holy Week Masses
- New screens will be replaced this week as there are some problems with the side of the screens – screens are covered under warranty so no cost to St. Joe's
- Bluetooth hearing assistance system will be installed in May
- Live streaming is going well

- Chuck Karth had someone in this week to get an estimate for a safer way to access the large crucifix and for an emergency exit

Finance:

- Last meeting was in January, so no finance meeting since last PPC meeting
- April budget meeting is later this month
- Just under budgeted collections YTD – numbers were in the April 3, 2022 bulletin

Communications:

- Anne Serwe received 4 security cameras and will order more – cameras will go outside, and there is software that will come with it
- Beginning on May 1, we will start video announcements before Mass (instead of the lectors reading the announcements)
- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Masses will be live streamed
- RCIA candidates that will be confirmed at Easter Vigil Mass will be part of a video that will be used to promote the RCIA program
- Meisha Johnson will work with Rusty Ray on recording a video to be used for new member gathering

Facilities:

- See attached handout dated April 5, 2022
- Main worship space air conditioner should be replaced this year – it can take 6 months to get parts after an order is placed – Josh will bring this item to the finance council as it will come out of capital improvement fund

Community Life:

- Busy time for community life
- Fish dinners are well attended
- Started planning for the August Festival
- Want to do a community life recruiting event, possibly a community life fair

Synod:

- George Burr escalate any suggestions we have for the Minneapolis/St. Paul Archdiocese to the Lay Advisory Board, which then takes suggestions to Archbishop
- Castaway retreat in St. Cloud Archdiocese a couple of weeks ago got good reviews from kids who attended – George Burr will take this point to Lay Advisory Board because it would be good for our kids to do more retreats like this and interact with other kids at other parishes
- Josh Bohl and Laura Anderson will be the two St. Joe's representatives who attend the Synod meeting in Minneapolis in June – weekend of June 3 – 5

Pastoral Care:

- Pastoral care would like to do a ministry fair
- Handicap parking issues – not enough spaces
- Have done 16 funerals since November
- In need of funeral ministers
- Broke ground on Lyngblomsten
- Have Word and Communion services 4 times a month at White Pines, 2 times a month at Lino Lakes Assisted Living, and once a month at Gracewood
- 3 new ministers were trained for homebound ministry – still looking for more help in this area
- Looking for ministers for prison ministry

- Advent reflections were well received, but Lent reflections cancelled due to low signup
- People would like to see the prayer walk/mediation replaced

Social Justice:

- See attached handout dated April 5, 2022
- Stepping Stone is designed to get help homeless back on their feet

5. Fr. Mike:

“Forming Parishes that are in the service of Evangelization”.

- New evangelization is bringing us back to the earliest evangelization – everyone is a brother or sister – no distinction between religion, race, etc.
 - Fundamental Option for the Poor – every parish should see itself as a family of believers who are open to all people in their area – there is no parish boundary – we should look for every opportunity to encounter our brothers and sisters with love and understanding, regardless if they are a parishioner – love people as they are
 - How do I get past my parish walls to touch everyone – look past parish membership
 - Don’t have to make someone “right”
- Question for us is how do we reach beyond our members and look at all brothers and sisters who have need
- Part of new evangelization is to trust that the Holy Spirit is at work and allow It to do Its work to reach beyond our act of love
- What can we do as a welcoming church to see the person next to you in the pew other than greet them at beginning at Mass?
- What is getting in the way of us encountering our brothers and sisters?
- Discuss the above Forming Parishes items at the next PPC meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2022

Closing Prayer

God, our Father, we pray that through the Holy Spirit we might hear the call of Evangelization and live as missionary disciples of your Son, Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and renew our parish with the fire of your love.

Enliven our parish. May we always be a place of joy and hope that welcomes the stranger and searches out the lost.

And we ask all of this through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen **(taken from Sts Joseph and Paul Church)**

We, the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, strive to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus Christ. ”

-- St. Joseph of the Lakes Vision Statement