

Meeting Minutes—Shepherd of the Hills Pastoral Council, Tuesday February 20, 2024

Present—Mary Bowe, John Laughrin, Bob Tarantino, Loretta Ortiz Ribbing, Donna Schmidt, Andrea Gade, Steve Roltgen and Marcia Szczepaniak. Excused—Father Mark, Jan Lewis, Tim Condon, Rose Baker.

Opening prayer—Mary. Minutes of November meeting approved. Motion by Bob and seconded by Loretta. (we did not have enough members present in December to have a meeting, January was cancelled twice because of weather)

Parishioner comments/concerns: website looks good with Holyday services mentioned. Parishioners appreciated the talk this past weekend from Finance about the second collection for winter heating bills—it was well explained from start to finish. Love One Another Campaign rep from archdiocese did not answer questions nor were they helpful. Can we get hearing assistance that goes to blue tooth hearing aids like St. Matt's? Father will talk to them and get some info on this.

Loretta reported on school commission. The principal is leaving. Father sent a text to Mary that said he has a plan for next year, for now he and the St. Matt principal are assuming duties, and that the school is in good shape. If any questions people can talk to him personally. Catholic Schools Week went well. The speaker, Frankie Muscato, who tried out for American Idol was awesome and talked to students and anyone else who came about mental health. Dinner auction also went well but no final numbers in yet.

Ministry Fair will be held after all Masses on April 13-14. This is needed to get commissions up and running again and to hopefully increase participation of parishioners in all aspects of parish life. Marcia and Steve volunteered to chair event and Mary will put information in the bulletin after okaying with them.

Plan for May event to coincide with smaller cash raffle. (we will also be doing the big money raffle later)—finance has set a date for drawing of May 19—that is when the event will take place. Tickets will have a limited number but should hopefully have a big draw and income for the parish. After discussion we decided to do a picnic/family event. (regular brat fry is June 2) We will have pulled pork and turkey sandwiches, some other possible picnic food, green bean casserole and mashed potatoes that are left from the chicken dinners, and a dessert bake-off. There will also be music for a family afternoon. Cash raffle drawing will be at approximately 2 pm. Mary will find out about music. This will be advertised to the public not just the parish. We will put something in bulletin to get enough help and a committee to be in charge, and all members will ask at least 3 people they know if they can help. For now, the chair will be Marcia and Mary will co-chair.

May 4-5 is the date for volunteer recognition at Masses. Mary will talk to Barb G. about the donuts.

Prayers of gratitude—glad for council members and good work done tonight, thankful for mild weather melting the snow, grateful for generous parishioners and success of second collection.

Motion to adjourn by Loretta and seconded by Bob. Closing prayer led by Mary. Next meeting will be Tuesday March 19. Prayer will be led by Steve. Respectfully submitted by Mary Bowe