

Meeting Minutes—Shepherd of the Hills Pastoral Council, Tuesday May 21, 2024

Present—Fr. Mark, Mary Bowe, John Laughrin, Bob Tarantino, Loretta Ortiz Ribbing, Andrea Gade, Steve Roltgen and Marcia Szczepaniak, Tim Condon, and Jan Lewis. Trustees Donna Schmidt and Rose Baker Excused—Steve Roltgen. Opening prayer—Andrea. Minutes of March meeting approved on a motion by Bob and John. Minutes of special meeting on May 13 approved on a motion by Loretta and Bob.

Parishioner comments/concerns—Compliment to Fr. Mark for homily during Holy Week. Many positive comments about the recent parish picnic for all the work done planning and organizing, for all the people who helped and the advertising.

Update on recent events—Ministry Fair—council felt positive turnout, question was asked if everyone who signed up was contacted—yes. There were at least 19 new contacts. Will make this a yearly event, thanks to all who volunteered to make it a success.

Parish picnic—reviewed concerns and parishioner input. Clarified that the spring money raffle was held in conjunction with it and ticket for the **big money prize was drawn first but announced at the end**. This will be clarified next year. Many positives about the picnic by attendees even though attendance was low—only about 200. Will try to make this a yearly spring event and try to find a more workable date. Special thanks to DJ Shannon Thomas who donated her services. Many entries for bake-off and one judge said “everyone was a winner and very difficult to choose!” Recommendation by council that both big money raffle in fall and spring cash raffle be held with an event tied to each. Decision needs to be made sooner as to event planning.

Volunteer weekend had many positive comments and will plan to make a yearly event. Coffee was donated by parish and Mary Bowe donated cookies and donuts.

Parish directory is coming along and another day has been added. Hopefully more people will sign up.

Deacon Dave Schaurer gave excellent talk and was well attended. Many positive comments. A retreat weekend sponsored by the parish will be held in October pertaining to this, more info to come.

Discussion on school vouchers. Jan has graciously volunteered to speak with Joan and others at St. Matt's to get more information for council.

We have vacancies on the council coming up. Bob and Jan will have completed their second terms at end of June and Mary, Andrea, John and Loretta will be completing first terms. We also will need a trustee. Everyone is encouraged to personally talk to people about this and Father will also make note at Mass for this. Mary will continue bulletin announcements as well.

Short discussion of budget transparency to parish. Donna said they are working on how to better communicate this in Father's letter and bulletin. A parish meeting is also being planned for sometime in September.

Motion to adjourn Bob and Tim. Next meeting will be June 18. There will not be a meeting in July or August unless emergency. Closing prayer Fr. Mark. Respectfully submitted by Jan Lewis