

Meeting Minutes—Shepherd of the Hills Pastoral Council, Wednesday November 15, 2023

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

Opening prayer—Bob. Minutes of October meeting approved.

Parishioner comments/concerns: Questions raised about a Ministry Fair. Donna offered to obtain a list of recent membership on various commissions. A motion was made by Bob to formulate a plan for a ministry fair to occur in 2024 and to be placed on the December agenda to complete. Motion seconded by Jan.

Council roster was passed out to review for errors and will be updated and given to each member at next meeting.

Long discussion followed as to how the financial deficit for 2023-24 and the past 3-4 years will be made up. Considerations were to add another collection or create a fund raiser to compensate for the loss of second chicken dinner. As trustee, Rose presented the need to be more transparent with the parish about this. It was decided that just putting the budget numbers and report in the bulletin is not enough as most do not understand how to even read this. Council discussed the need for a representative from Finance Council to present this issue to the parish at Masses and to communicate it clearly in other ways. A motion made by Mary for the council to complete and finalize plans at the December meeting for a fund-raiser to occur in early 2024. Motion seconded by Donna.

Loretta reported on school enrollment at 77, explained various fundraisers being planned.

Update on server/Ministry training by Mary. We got several new people. Chili Cook-off was well attended and this will be combined with the Haiti collection. Kathy Gellings has offered to head up the new directory. Hopefully many will step forward to help with this project in the spring.

Mary reported on her meeting with Jim Baumhardt for updates to the money raffle. He will update the council at the next meeting on exactly what we can do according to state laws.

Prayers of gratitude—appreciation for people who participate on committees and their hard work, for safe driving to and from meetings, for strong parish ownership.

Motion to adjourn by Bob and seconded by Loretta. Closing prayer led by Father Mark. Next meeting will be Tuesday December 5, 2023 **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** Prayer will be led by Jan.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Lewis.