

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

April 25, 2022

Secretary: Ben Kwedar

Group picture for Parish Council website

Opening Prayer led by Pat Kornfeld

Old Business

- Open positions: co-chair, secretary
 - Pat Kornfeld volunteered for co-chair and was approved by vote
 - Ben Kwedar volunteered for note taker
- Review and approve March meeting notes
 - Notes were approved
 - Ben Kwedar will send out an email with details on how to access meeting notes and agendas via Google Drive
- Sister Judy Name badge options update
 - Parishioner badges cost about \$6 per person, staff badges \$16.
 - Discussion on merits of different badges. Other groups such as the Pre-school School Board and Finance Council might also need different name tags.
 - Council agrees to get name badges that identify Parish Council members. Father Joe brought up point that these will have to stand out a with different color background (and maybe different size) than parishioner badges
 - Rick and Sister Judy will facilitate this process.

- Pat and Rick will work on creating Pastoral Council email address for concerns as well.

Pastors Notes

- Father commented how Easter celebrations went well. The Easter Vigil Mass (183) was the largest Father could remember in 25 years. Sister later shared that 380 people were at 8am and 455 people were at 10:30.
- The roof repairs are complete and have seemed to have held up well with recent rain.
- Water damage repairs/painting will begin when preschool students are out.
 - Rob shared that Knights of Columbus would be willing to help out with repairs.
 - Father was also going to talk to parishioner John Dubetz about his offer to help
 - It was also brought up again that the youth could also assist with repairs and painting and that this would be a good opportunity for the youth to get involved.
- On the subject of parish youth, Father was asked about the possibility of having a Youth Mass.
 - Father shared that Dawn has been talking about starting one.
 - Amy shared that a youth mass might lead toward improved youth involvement in masses that weren't specifically youth masses.
 - Rob shared that previously youth masses were successful when used in conjunction with CHWC fundraising.
 - Father Joe will continue to talk to Dawn about youth masses.
- Parish and house landscaping updates
 - Parishioner Gene P has volunteered and has helped with some of the landscaping.
 - Father Joe will work on contacting others to volunteer and help improve landscaping around church and parish house. Estimates of paying for cost would be extremely expensive.
 - Brought up by others that this would be a great opportunity of service for youth
- Sister Judy shared that there were 7 new registrations during the past month!
 - Discussion that Fr. Joe's letter was well received and shared via social media
- Fr. Joe shared that the church will be moving back towards using Ministry Scheduler Pro in the next couple of weeks. This program automatically assigns

those who have already volunteered to ministry positions at mass 2-3 months in advance. This might be a solution for the church struggling for ministers. The problem is many are on the list but didn't come back after covid.

- Pat suggested letting parish know during mass all the ways one can serve.
- Rachel suggested hospitality reaching out after mass.
- Amy complimented Fr. Joe going out to track meet and supporting youth. Fr. Joe shared he will also be attending Titan Fever in the near future.
- Gavin asked about Altar Server numbers. Father responded that numbers are doing fine, although boys disproportionately serve more than girls. Fr. Joe will encourage altar serving and will do the training.

Group discussion:

- Review homework on suggestions for changes to parish website
 - Amy noticed the diocese has had a hand in redesigning websites. Fr. Joe and Pat shared diocese IT department is completely new. Pat will ask HR Director of Diocese if that is still being done.
 - Ben shared that our current website is hosted by LPI (who also does our bulletins). Rick will call LPI and ask if they can help re-format/design our website.
 - The council agreed to look at more specifics after these two options were investigated but agreed that our website should be more user friendly, interactive, and have more pictures.
- GHS app and social media advertising costs

Will be discussed at next meeting
- How do we help lapsed or inactive Catholics back home to church?
 - The following was suggested by the council:
 - Contact realtors and provide brochures to hotels
 - The possibility of a new sign on Walnut or a new LED sign for parking lot. Maybe Memorial money could go towards this?
 - Advertising during 4th of July Fireworks and Sweet Corn Festival at South Park.

Closing Prayer