

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023
Secretary: Ben Kwedar

Debbie Shawgo was excused from the meeting.

- Opening prayer was read by Pat Kornfeld.
- Opening prayer signup sheet was passed around.
- Confirmation of 2023 Pastoral Council Officers
 - Pat Kornfeld as Chair
 - Debbie Shawgo as Vice Chair
 - Ben Kwedar as Secretary
- Fr. Joe- updates
 - Turnout of 50 at first Holy Hour.
 - This will be the first Friday to have expanded adoration.
 - There is a Eucharistic Miracles presentation going around from the Catholic Times. You can go with a full exhibit, partial exhibit. Depends on size of facility. Is that something the council would like? Fr. Joe thinks it would be best if we could have it for a weekend.
 - Possible dates would be: May 13, 14 or June 3, 4 or June 17, 18 or June 24, 25.
 - There is no cost. Fr. Joe will try to reserve it for May 13-14 with a setup on May 12. Council recommends June 17 and 18 as the second choice.
 - Would the Council still want a Mission or a night to bring someone in to talk about the Eucharist?
 - Fr. Joe shares that he will be presiding over a 5 week course on the Eucharist during Easter time.
 - Sr. Judy shares we haven't had a Mission in quite a few years.
 - Missions can some time take up to 1 to 2 years to book.
 - Jennifer asks if we could have someone recently Ordained (maybe to get a new perspective)
 - Fr. Joe suggested Father Vahling, who teaches at SHG.
 - Consensus on Fr. Vahling.
 - Wednesday nights would have Faith Formation. Would be good for 7th and 8th. Faith Formation starts after Labor Day. Fr. Joe will check with Fr. Vahling's schedule. 9/13 and 9/27 could be potential dates.
 - Update on parking lot and drainage
 - Going to hire a company to develop an overall plan.
 - Hopefully can move on this soon, but will need permission from the bishop.
 - Will have to look at starting a new campaign to finance this. Will need 65% of the money up front before we could move forward.

- Fr. Joe has information in the bulletin about live streamed mass.
 - For people with disability or sickness.
 - If you can attend, you are still bound to come to Mass.
- Scheduling parish events during the Lenten season
 - This came up with the Trivia Night sponsored by the Youth Group. The 2 people that were running it pushed it back to 4/1. 4/1 is Saturday of Holy Week, so we had to cancel.
 - Father asked if we should have an understanding that nothing is scheduled during Holy Week as to fundraisers or activities.
 - After discussion, Council agreed no major events during Holy Week, Palm Sunday weekend through Easter Sunday.
- Update on LED sign by Jennifer (pricing, village approval, size location)
 - Need to make some decisions on new sign, or put it on old base because it already has electric. Jennifer thinks we will have
 - Rachel asks if the money going towards the sign would be completely separate from repairs. Money for sign would be from the Jubilee fund.
 - Jennifer will measure Baptist sign; Ben will call Phil Mulford.
- Planning for future Eucharistic events
 - Brief moment of silence between Communion song and cleansing of Chalice and communion dishes. Pat asks if we could show Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion.
 - Sr. Judy asks if we would vary the Post Communion Prayer, and mentions that it would have to be short.
 - Council agrees that it is a good idea to pursue. Pat will talk to John about putting the prayers up on the slide show.
 - Saints of the Eucharist
 - Idea for once a month. There would be no prelude, just background music. Would put description of Saints' lives on the projection screen, and then finish with a prayer for the Saint.
 - Pat has 3 Saints completed, and will do one more. Ben, Liz, Jennifer, Gavin (proposed by the council) all volunteered to research and write different summaries of the other Saints. Pat will email assignments to them.
 - Inviting people to write why the Eucharist is important to them.
 - Will be brought up again next month.
 - Revive Parishes program to reach Millennials and Gen Z
 - Pat, Grace Ann, and Liz all tried to log on to the website.
 - Grace Ann will have a little presentation next month.
 - Stewardship committee would like to have a joint meeting with us in the near future to not step on any toes.
 - Could be between masses. Tim Connelly is in charge of Stewardship.
- Closing Prayer