

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
November 28, 2022
Secretary: Ben Kwedar

Jennifer, Gavin, and Rachel were excused from the meeting

Opening Prayer- Sister Judy

Welcome Liz Reef and Grace Ann Thomas into the Pastoral Council

Meeting notes are approved from last month

- Father Joe Updates
 - RCIA
 - Right of welcome for our one **Catechumen** coming out
 - John Angotti Concert was nice yesterday. Wish it could have been better attended.
 - 18 attended the youth event of bowling and laser tag with Dawn
 - Stewardship forms are coming in. Stewardship committee is working on organizing those.
 - New Office Manager is working out well.
 - People are reticent to consume Blood of Christ. There have been a couple of requests when that will be offered again.
 - Discussion whether Eucharistic ministers would be comfortable consuming after the Sacrament of Communion
 - Fr. Joe can bring this up closer to Easter when Flu season is over
 - Fr. Joe and Dawn decided to send care packages to freshmen only. If went to everybody there would be over 100 care packages sent out to everyone in school.
 - Mostaccioli supper was well attended.
 - Widows and Widowers have 24 or 25 people meeting regularly.
 - Blue books were well received at the start of Advent.
 - Amy comments that the same company has books on disciples.
 - Fr. Joe mentions that they have a stewardship book as well.
 - Holy Moments by Mathew Kelly will be given out at Christmas
- Group Discussion
 - Update on Church Website
 - Up and running for the last 2 to 3 weeks.
 - Clean-up of the website has begun
 - Pat sent somethings to Sue to change
 - Ben mentions would love to have a page where one can get involved.
- Update on LED sign
 - Rick reached out to Fr. Al at Little Flower
 - Little Flower's sign was around \$25,000

- Used watch fire in Danville
 - Didn't go through a cost-benefit analysis, but they had a designated fund that they could use for it.
 - Fr. Al is happy with it. It is easy to use.
 - Baptist church ended up going with ACE.
- Ben talked to Phil Mulford, parishioner at St. Joseph, employee at Ace
 - Recommended an Exterior Monument Sign with a Digital Message Center
- Fr. Joe reminds council that we have costly expenditures coming up
 - Parking Lot and Drainage
 - Roof
 - Diocesan expenditures campaign could hinder a parish campaign
- Amy asks if the Cathedral has ever done group/discount pricing with other Churches?
 - Good idea but Fr. Joe doesn't know if it would be feasible.
- Still don't have enough information to proceed.
- New Business
 - Planning for future focus on Eucharistic events.
 - Is there anything from the Year of the Eucharist resource document released by the Diocese that the Pastoral council can address. Is the Diocese still planning other events?
 - Pat mentions that we take one saint that the Diocese mentions in their document and share information about the saint, the Eucharist, Adoration in the Bulletin/website.
 - Fr. recommends maybe putting a spot in the vestibule with a poster, quote, etc. Also recommends saying a prayer that they wrote.
 - Amy brought up that the kids could get involved with it.
 - Pat could lead this but collaborate with a different person each month.
 - Fr. brainstorms inviting people to write down why the Eucharist is important to me
 - Fr. Joe mentions could do more adoration after work.
 - This could start during Lent
 - Ben said he would be interested in attending adoration in the morning
 - Sr. Judy suggests offered some before work/after work
 - Fr. Joe asks 6:30-7:30 am/pm?
 - Fr. Joe mentions could do a parish mission
 - Live the Mass retreat
 - February
 - At the Villa
 - \$150
 - ReviveParishes.com

- “The Generational Divide- Who’s in the Pews?” free 4 hour online class
- “Your parish can effectively reach Millennials and Gen Z” free 4 hour online class
- Is this topic something we wish to pursue? Is anyone interested in becoming the owner of this topic and investigating these classes and suggestions further?
 - Rick challenges a council member to take interest in it and take leadership over it.
- Would a faith study group focused on this topic be beneficial and make parishioners more aware of opportunities for discussion and growth?
- Council positions for 2023- Chair position is open (15 minutes)
 - Current- Ben is Secretary and Pat is Vice Chair
 - Pat would like to reach out to Jennifer, Gavin, and Rachel to inform them that this position is open.
 - Rick shares that this position was something for him to pray on. Rick’s biggest fear was he wouldn’t meet his high standard. But he learned that you do your best.
 - Rick can help Pat set agenda for our next meeting.
 - Fr. recommends that we need to make an earlier decision in October meeting. However, since this was not done it should be the first thing on the agenda.
 - Grace Ann recommends Rick sending out an email to vote on a chair/secretary before January.
- January prayer leader will be Debbie
- Meeting closed with Make a Difference Prayer.