Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Minutes
January 23, 2023 6:30 p.m. Dominican Hall
Approved January 30, 2023

Pastoral Council Members and Staff Present: Fr. Mark Brandl (Pastor), Fr. Norberto Sandoval (Associate Pastor), Vern Baus (SC), Luanne Bemis (SC), Jeanne Bitkers (SD), Ken Borowski (SC), Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Tom Clarke (HNJ), Mary Dalhaimer (SC), Tom Dinolfo (SNCP Staff Liaison), Mary Greeneway (HNJ), Don Holmes (SD), Michael Johnson (HNJ), Betty Johnson Macknick (HNJ), Bob Mair (SD), Mary Petrie (SNCP Staff Liaison), Joel Sandersen (SD), Ron Spaulding (SD)

Excused Council Members: Danilo Batres (SC), Kevin Sander (HNJ)

Welcome: Chair Ron Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Luanne Bemis—Life Is, a reflection from Mother Teresa.

NOTE: This was a brief business meeting held prior to the council’s holiday social gathering. Council members and their spouses along with SNCP staff enjoyed a potluck of appetizers and desserts. No agenda prepared; however, the following items were addressed:

SNCP Retreat for Confirmation Candidates
Madelyn Rautmann and Clara Yoder, SNCP confirmation candidates, shared their recent retreat experiences. Opportunities for team building, reflection time, confession and a group Mass were all part of the retreat as were letters of encouragement to the candidates from their families and friends. Both young women agreed, the retreat provided a greater appreciation for how God speaks through the Holy Spirit. It also helped form closer connections to friends.

Pastoral Council Co-Chair
An opening still exists for the pastoral council co-chair. Joel Sandersen indicated his interest and he, along with any others who are interested, were advised to take some time for prayer and discernment. Follow-up will take place at the February council meeting.

Lenten Soup Supper
The pastoral council will again host an evening at this year’s SNCP Lenten soup supper and lecture series. The date agreed upon was March 21. Council members are asked to prepare soups, provide additional food items as needed, and assist with serving and clean-up. A lector and e-minister are also required for the Mass. Specific details will be included in Sign-up Genius and further discussion will take place at the February pastoral council meeting.

Love One Another Campaign
Approximately $53 million of the Archdiocesan goal has been met. SNCP is at 75% of their combined goal.

It is anticipated that disbursements will start in February. A disbursement committee consisting of two trustees from each parish and our pastor will oversee the process.

Also starting in February, the Hispanic community is planning to hold a second collection at every Sunday Mass during the five-year campaign.
Archdiocese of Milwaukee Pallium Lecture
A number of SNCP parishioners will be attending a lecture by Monsignor James P. Shea, president of the University of Mary and Eucharistic Preacher for the US Council of Catholic Bishops. His presentation, “Love for the Eucharist in an Apostolic Age” is part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s Pallium Lecture Series. It will take place on February 21, 2023 at the Brookfield Conference Center, Brookfield, Wisconsin. Interested individuals should contact Kym Leibham, SNCP Director of Adult Faith Formation. If enough people are signed up, it may be possible to arrange for bus transportation.

February 2023 Pastoral Council Meeting
The SNCP Stewardship Committee has requested input from the pastoral council related to two concerns: (1) ideas for parish-wide volunteer recognition and (2) production of a parish directory. Mike Short, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, will be present at the February pastoral council meeting to provide further details. He offered the following background as a basis for discussion.

Fostering Gratitude for Our Volunteers
Per good stewardship practice, this is a key element to maintaining a healthy volunteer program and can benefit charitable giving as well. Besides frequent vocal and written expressions of gratitude, this can be accomplished by inviting volunteers to a social gathering of some sort and/or inexpensive tokens of appreciation.

Parish Directories
Just as in any family or organization, knowing who our members are and how to contact them is key to better communication, interaction and collaboration. It has been five or more years since any of our parishes has produced a pictorial directory.

Committee Reports
The following committee reports were received since the November pastoral council meeting and are attached for your review:
- SNCP Stewardship Committee – December 12, 2022
- SNCP New Member Welcome Team – January 4, 2023

Next meeting
- Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., Dominican Hall at St. Clement
- Opening Prayer: Mary Jo Bugembe; Closing Prayer: Joel Sandersen
- Committee Reports: Due by the 15th of each month. Email to Council Secretary Mary Jo Bugembe at mjbubugembe@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted
Mary Jo Bugembe
SNCP Pastoral Council Secretary
January 30, 2023