

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORAL COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

**Chairperson:** Kent Rice

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, January 17, 2024 6:30 p.m.

**Secretary/ Minutes:** Stephanie Fong

**Location:** Grellinger Hall

**Participants:** Chris Behrndt, Debbie Bisswurm, Father Chuck, Tim Dondlinger, Tom Farley, Stephanie Fong,, Cindy Klopp, Gary Mathis, Kent Rice,

**Excused:** John Henry, Dale Servais, Becky Wagner

**Guests:** None

Item	Discussion	Next Steps & Responsible Party
<b>Welcome and Prayer</b>	The meeting began on time with a prayer.	Provided by Cindy
<b>Introductions</b>	None	.
<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes from November 15, 2023 were approved	
<b>Photo</b>	All PC members should submit a photo of themselves to Lisa. These will go in new parishioner welcome packets	Send photo to Lisa
<b>Comments from the Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becky Wagner will be taking a leave from PC. Stephanie Fong will assume her role as liaison to Stewardship. Becky and Mark will continue to lead fish fries.</li> <li>Be on guard for new email scams. Lisa will send communications to parishioners regarding this topic. If you receive a suspicious email (for example: Fr. Chuck "emailing" you for a favor), reach out to the person directly.</li> </ul>	
<b>Father Chuck / trustee report</b>	<p>Father's report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At this weekend's masses (Nov 18/19) there will be an adult confirmation.</li> <li>Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday. There will be Masses at 9am and 7pm, and a Word Service with ash distribution at noon.</li> <li>There is an annual dinner to support Catholic Schools in March. A parishioner purchased a table and has spots open if anyone is interested in attending. Parishioner Joan Schaefer recently retired as Superintendent of Seton Catholic Schools.</li> </ul> <p>Trustee report: (Tim) The AV project is progressing, including installation of sound and video components. New flooring will be installed in January and February. Stay after the meeting if you would like a visual tour and update of the plans in church.</p>	
<b>Commission and Strategic Plan updates</b>	<p><b>Lifelong Faith Formation</b> (Cindy) See report.</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Human Concerns</b> (Debbie) See report. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you know of any parishioners receiving outreach from QoA, please let Debbie know. HC is compiling a list of parishioners who receive outreach and who need outreach.</li> <li>Stay tuned for information regarding a showing of the movie, "Sound of Freedom" on human trafficking.</li> <li>There is potential for QoA to become involved in a Habitat for Humanity project</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to El Paso report: Debbie and Tim Bisswurm recently made a short trip (48 hrs) to El Paso to visit Sacred Heart Parish and the US / Mexico border through Catholic Extension. Debbie stressed that no matter what your political views are, this is a human issue. Debbie and Tim met with Bishop Seitz there, and the leader of the shelter. They spoke to migrants and heard about their harrowing journeys to escape violence in their homelands. Sacred Heart parish does very important humanitarian work, but needs help to continue this ministry. The church was built in 1892 and needs repair. Catholic Extension proposed a lenten fundraising campaign to provide monies for diapers, formula, toys, devotional materials, and meals, as well as repair the bathrooms and bell tower. Catholic Extension will provide materials (flyers, posters, envelopes) to promote the project. Debbie and Tim would like to do a presentation to share with QoA about their experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This project would be in addition to the Rice Bowl collection.</li> <li>○ PC discussed additional ways to fundraise</li> <li>○ There will be opportunities for others from QoA to stay at the shelter for a week to volunteer</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prayer and Worship</b> (Gary /Stephanie) See report.</p> <p><b>Stewardship</b> (Stephanie): See report</p> <p><b>Finance Council</b> (Chris/Tom)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FC realizes that finances of the parish can be detailed and overwhelming to the lay-person. They are deciding on the best way to communicate financial information to PC.</li> <li>• The balance sheet is like a snapshot of a year long movie. We are 5 months into our budget and while we are ahead, it is still a guess. Revenue is up, staff is holding down expenses. There will always be unexpected expenses, and sometimes QoA receives bequests. We are required to pay an assessment to Catholic Memorial each year and we are also required to set aside funds to care for our cemeteries.</li> <li>• Our part time intern, Ellie, will be leaving QoA at the end of January. Liz will distribute her duties to the catechists.</li> </ul>	Come to Holy Hour Jan 31st
<b>General Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St. Joseph's Tool Chest:</b> Mic Pietrykowski addressed the Council regarding a ministry we could participate in at QoA, St. Joseph's Tool Chest. The ministry was started by the Salvatorians in New Holstein. They collect and refurbish old tools, repurposing them to places that need them. Holy Apostles in New Berlin participates in this ministry by holding an "April Tools Day" collection. Mic proposed QoA could do something similar. PC discussed logistics of having a tool drive. Mic will continue to get details on how to make this happen at QoA.</li> <li>• <b>School of Discipleship:</b> Father summarized the impetus behind the development of the Queen of Apostles School of Discipleship and the types of offerings we have at QoA for continued spiritual growth. The offerings are a combination of gatherings (virtual and in person), that are offered specifically at QoA as well as around the Archdiocese.</li> <li>• <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> Will be offered all Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30pm. Our next PC meeting will begin at 7pm to accommodate those who would like to attend.</li> </ul>	<p>Mic will get additional information</p> <p>Stations before next PC meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Picture:</b> Send a picture of yourself to Lisa Miles in lieu of a PC Council group picture.</li></ul>	Send your picture to Lisa
<b>Next meeting</b>	Wednesday, February 21, 2023 at <b>7:00 pm</b> , in Grellinger Hall.	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	The meeting ended with a prayer. Tim Dondlinger led a tour of the church and summarized the installation of the new AV equipment.	Next prayer leader is Gary

Additional reports:: LFFC, P&W, HC, Stewardship