

Maternity BVM
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
October 3, 2023

ATTENDEES:

Karen Alvarez-Hunt, Ann Marie Brzeszkiewicz, D'ete, Cotsones, Steve Husak, Randy Molthan, Fr. Jason Nesbit, Julie Worby, Kathy Yonke

ABSENT:

Tom Bailey, Joe Ciaccio, Priscilla Dwyer, Fr. Moses Mesh, Sherry Denault

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Opening Prayer: Led by Steve Husak (National Eucharistic Revival Prayer)

MINUTES:

September 6, 2023 minutes were approved. All in favor and approved.

FATHERS CORNER:

- Now that it's fall, we have the ability to focus on the National Eucharistic Revival. A new program called, Jesus and the Eucharist, will begin this fall and will follow the same format of The Rescue Project. The National Eucharistic Revival, with the guidance of Fr. Moses is coming along nicely.
- Youth Ministry is still a concern right now and we need the participation of the parents to make this program successful. Liturgy Planning is off the ground, as well as Harvest Sunday. Brother John Eustice is planning a Haunted House trip with the high school youth. We are trying to find solutions to keeping our youth ministry vibrant.
- Typically this time of year, we plan a Stewardship Campaign focusing on Time, Talent & Treasure. Last year we did not provide a Stewardship campaign due to the Capital Campaign. This year we are considering making a modification to the Stewardship Campaign and only focusing on Time and Talent and not so much the Treasure as many of our parishioners are still paying on their Capital Campaign. We'd like to look at increasing volunteerism within the parish.. We would like to take the weeks leading up to advent to introduce the parish council and the opportunities on the commissions which are available to the parishioners as far as volunteerism goes. Would also like to use this opportunity to highlight a few more ministries within the parish such as Finance council and cleaning and ironing ministry.
- Julie Worby introduced a form to the commission members to help them provide information to the parishioners. This form will be used to introduce the commissions in the bulletin, enewsletter, etc. **The council members are asked to complete the form and send a head shot selfie to Julie ASAP** so that she can put that information into the bulletin starting with an insert into the bulletin this weekend.
- Caution was expressed during the discussion that when we ask for volunteers, we need to call them in a timely manner and utilize each and every volunteer. It's hurtful when a parishioner volunteers but doesn't get called to help.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- Parish Life: Trunk or Treat is the next event for parish life commission. The event will be held on Saturday, October 28th from 1-2pm. We have 21 trunks to date. The commission is working on getting more trunks. Donut Sunday the weekend of October 1st was very successful. Breakfast with Santa will be held on the first Sunday of December. Planning is underway.

- Faith Formation: This commission is working with the worship/evangelization commission on the National Eucharistic Revival. They have scheduled small groups to begin in November for 7 weeks, meeting every Monday evening in the Parish Center. The program will follow the video series provided by the National Eucharistic Revival website called "Jesus and the Eucharist".
- Administration: This commission met to discuss several important issues moving forward. Steve Husak is no longer on this commission as he is moving over to worship/evangelization commission. The counters installed in the church will be doing the October count as they are working well. The budget for the parish has been reviewed and approved for the upcoming year, and we seem to be on budget for the first few months. One of the items which was discussed at the commission meeting were, conducting a survey for all parishioners this upcoming year. In addition, the buildings and grounds committee has been discussing ways to make the patio off the rectory, which is used by the religious living there, is in need of repairs. Fr. Moses fell when exiting out the patio doors because the steps were in disrepair. In addition, the fencing is in need of repairs also. This space can also be used by small committees for meetings in the warmer weather. So this item is being looked at.
- Worship/Evangelization: Just starting and their first meeting is next Tuesday. They have gathered together 5-6 individuals to join this new commission. The first action is focusing on the National Eucharistic Revival. They provide many great resources. They are working with the faith formation commission on the "Jesus and the Eucharist" video series/small groups. They are looking for help from the parish council members to volunteer/lead small groups and provide a meal. If anyone is available, please sign up online on the church website.
- Social Concerns: This commission met and decided to start small with one idea, and then grow from there. They decided to start with a Bereavement Support Ministry. This ministry would do things such as supporting those who have a loved one pass away. Members might attend wake/funerals, and then follow up with the family a few months later to see if there are any needs we can meet. Making these connections might allow the opportunity to giving them referrals to community resources which might help with their needs. This commission would welcome any input/ideas as they begin this new ministry.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- How to build a commission: We will be implementing the "Get to know your Parish Pastoral Council Members" in the bulletin.
- Upcoming events: Trunk or Treat, Oct. 28th, Lunch and a Movie is underway and meeting twice a month, the bus trip to Branson, Missouri is being planned by Frances Hebert, Undie Sunday is planned by Karen Zarifis collecting new underwear and socks for Catholic Charities Oct 14 & 15. Anointing Masses are also the weekend of Oct. 14 & 15th. Harvest Sunday is Nov. 5th & 12th headed up by Priscilla Dwyer. Taizé has started up again on Mondays. Alter of Remembrance will go up in November again. Next youth Mass is Oct. 15th.

CLOSING PRAYER: By Fr. Jason Nesbit—Glory Be

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 pm