



## **Pastoral Council Meeting Notes**

**September 16, 2021**

**6:30 PM at the Parish Center**

Present: Father Shofner, Jeff Schultz, Jim Sullivan, George Riviere, Diann Wiederich and Joyce Swenson

- Opening prayer by Father Shofner.
- Approved previous meeting minutes – motion by Jim, second by Diann, approved.
- Old Business
  - a. Election results: Jim Sullivan, Vice Chair & Joyce Swenson, Secretary (Jeff Schulz Chair) – Jeff to resize the Council photo and repost to the website.
- Fr. Shofner updates
  - a. Internet is fixed and working. A line was replaced from the house to the pole. Father will check the phone to see if it is working.
  - b. Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT) was formed the end of May and meets weekly. They have been working on the culture of the team and will expand their work into the Council and other groups over the next few months. Their focus has been on:
    - Intentional prayer
    - Discuss different parish cultures, prayer, teamwork and discipleship. What are the fruits that yield a thriving parish and make it different from others?
    - Some parishioners are already coming to the PLC for ministry questions.
    - Equip the entire parish to be disciples – there may be some pain with change. They are working on bringing more people into the parish, making it a disciple factory and creating a fire in every parishioner. The biggest hinderance in people is fear.
    - A challenge to the Pastoral Council – how are you advancing the mission of the church in everything we do? Go to God for fixing!
- Pastoral Council activities
  - a. Annual Report planning – contact the Finance Council to request the annual report be moved out of their hands and into ours. Tess prepares the report after Brian Pfarr (Finance Council) had collected the information. We can collect information from the various groups and take some stress off Brian. The report is prepared after the first quarter of the new year. The fiscal year for the parish runs Jan. – Dec. Dates should be set for data collection and transfer to Tess.
  - b. Live Stream Mass – Father Shofner wants to continue offering live stream mass to the homebound. Jim runs this process through his personal account, not the parish

account so admin privileges do not have to be given to others if they fill in for Jim filming the mass.

- Stewardship Committee updates

A few new members have joined as turn over is inevitable. A few focus groups were formed:

- Organize small group bible discussions.
- Host a “come to the table” event.
- St. Anne’s Gala
- Synod 2021/2022 – more information will be shared the end of September. Three areas were identified: parish evangelization, missionary discipleship and reaching out to youth. Small group discussions will start Sunday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. The Stewardship and Parish Council members are asked to attend. Facilitators and scribes are needed to collect and enter data from the feedback forms for the Archdiocese.

- Round Table

1. What is the PLC? Father will formally introduce next weekend once Applefest is behind us.
2. Adam does the usher schedule and has a hard time getting people. Jeff will reach out to see if he needs assistance.
3. Buildings/grounds: Jim contacts Terry Genelin quarterly but we should still look for a long-term replacement.  
Buildings/grounds has no formal group or individual for the school or church. Is this a reporting position to the finance committee and should there be a job description?

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Motion to close meeting by Jim, second by George, meeting closed.
- Closing prayer was given by Father Shoftner.