



Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

March 22, 2022, 7:00 PM - Parish Center

Item	Discussion	Action
Opening Prayer & check-in	Father Shofner opened with prayer. Father Shofner, Jim Sullivan, Diann Wiederich, Jeff Schultz, George Riviere and Joyce Swenson were present.	
Approve prior meeting notes	No discussion. Motion by Diann, second by Jim.	Notes approved.
Old business:		
Usher Update	Place usher request in bulletin-Tuesday deadline and Jim will send out a Flocknote. Jeff has all previous phone numbers, no emails. Jeff and Jim to call and see if members are still interested and how they want to be contacted.	Place notice in 4/3 bulletin-deadline 3/29. Jim to send out a Flocknote request. Jim & Jeff to call former ushers.
Father Shofner Updates	He is moving forward with the PLT. Busy time of year with Lent, First Communion, Confirmation, Easter, etc.	Will share PLT's parish vision once determined.
Pastoral Council activities	Buildings/grounds/maintenance update: A new steam system boiler was ordered – 14 weeks for delivery. This system was lower in cost and had a shorter delivery time than a hot water system which would have allowed for A/C in the future. ISG was used for bid review/comparison. The Finance Committee will determine if a fund raiser will be used to assist with the cost.	Check with the Finance Committee to see if we can be of assistance.
	<p>Direction/vision of Pastoral Council – Father shared a new meeting format taken from <i>The Amazing Parish</i> to assist the PC to determine its purpose. The following format will be used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – a brief check-in among members 2 – prayer 3 – determine our thematic goal/rallying cry (this can change over time). Next define the objectives that support the goal and score them (Red-bad, Yellow-OK, Green-good) – if items are not green, they are placed on the agenda for discussion. Set the agenda based on scoring and items from member check-in. 4 – talk about agenda items (good idea to appoint someone to keep the conversation on track) 5 – cascading messages – clearly summarize what has been discussed and establish timelines for follow through 6 – set next meeting and close with prayer <p>We established our thematic goal = to strengthen the parish. Started discussion on the defining objectives. So far, we have:</p>	<p>Jeff to start email discussion this week with members to determine defining objectives prior to April meeting.</p> <p>Appoint someone to keep the conversation on track at meetings.</p> <p>Joyce to send out notes which include action items immediately after the meeting to give proper time for action.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building/grounds • Collaboration • Leadership/discipleship <p>Members are to think about the defining objectives and reflect via email prior to the April meeting. In order to focus on the “action items” from the meeting, the notes must be received much earlier. It’s OK to set an agenda similar to what we have done in the past until we have objectives defined and scored.</p>	
	<p>New Meeting Format: Father has been using this format with the PLT since May 2021 and it works well. It helps to form deeper team connections and to focus on goals.</p>	<p>Try new format at the April meeting.</p> <p>Jeff to start email chain to share ideas for the defining objectives around our goal to strengthen the parish.</p>
<p>Stewardship Committee updates:</p>	<p>Come to the Table – was a success. Eighty to 90 people attended. The Book Club is ongoing. April 20 Chris Stefanick is in Hutchinson for a “Reboot” event. (Similar to a rally.) Promotions will be sent out via Flocknotes. Stefanick is the author of <i>The Joy of Living</i> and <i>The Search</i>. Posting articles in the bulletin about rituals/symbols used in the Church (i.e. incense 3/20/22). They will post trivia questions starting April 1-3 with a category for youth & adults. Answers can be posted to the website. Father questioned if Flocknotes usage meets the purpose to justify the cost. Jim will research this.</p>	<p>Jim to research feasibility of Flocknotes continued usage.</p>
<p>Roundtable</p>	<p>Joyce mentioned the full-page flyer for the Emma Burns benefit that was inserted into the bulletin. Questioning who makes the decision of what goes into the bulletin and the consistency of the content. She has been contacted by businesses who advertise on the back page for a fee about the correctness of these free insertions.</p>	<p>Are there established guidelines for the bulletin content and who reviews before publication?</p>
<p>Schedule Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tentative for April 21, 6:30 p.m. at Parish Center.</p>	
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>Father Shofner said the closing prayer. Motion to adjourn by Jim, second by George.</p>	<p>Motion approved; meeting closed.</p>