

ST. JOHN EVANGELIST
KOHLER, WISCONSIN
PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF February 21, 2023

1. Attendance:
 - a. Present: Peter Bustos, Rich Tauferner, Steve O'Neil, Jenny Roatch, Father Schmeckel, Rob Wenberg
 - b. Absent: Bridgitt Zielke, Tracy Kissel & Toni Sarafin
2. Opening Prayer led by Father Schmeckel.
3. Meeting agenda was approved by consent.
4. Meeting minutes of January were approved by consent.
5. Finance Council – Jenny Roatch
 - a. Purchase order system has been simplified and still being discussed.
 - b. Offerings continue to be up.
 - c. Budgets are needed by each committee by the end of March 18
 - d. The envelope distribution list will be updated
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Worship Committee – Steve O'Neil
 - i. Efforts still ongoing to make AED more visible by the ushers room.
 - ii. Julia Rodemeier has expressed interest in more Flocknote training sessions.
 - iii. Security plan will be revisited
 - iv. Book for people who would like to take up the gifts at Sunday Mass was discussed.
 - v. Servers have been trained and a schedule will begin shortly
 - b. Stewardship Committee – Peter Bustos
 - i. Welcome baskets are being put together for new families. Four couples have agreed to help deliver the baskets to 25 new families.
 - c. Formation Committee – Norma Horne
 - i. Was asked by Mark Weber to promote the Men of Christs Conference which will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Blessed Trinity.
 - ii. St. Anne's gave an update on volunteers during Winterfest
 - iii. Religious Education Committee met on Monday and the curriculum was discussed. A review has begun to take place. They are also doing baskets for the homebound, and a flyer for inclusion in folders given out at Kohler Schools.
7. Old Business
 - a. Winterfest
 - i. Preliminary financial numbers were shared at the Finance Council meeting
 - ii. The idea of tickets for the next Winterfest was discussed.
 - iii. Father would like to set a date for next year's Winterfest soon. Jenny mentioned reaching out to the Cieszynski's to see if they are willing to chair again next year. Steve asked when planning normally begins because of the rush this year.
 - b. Love One Another Campaign
 - i. Small groups to make visits during quiet phase
 - ii. Father meets with consultant weekly.
 - iii. So far only one pledge in but a few asks out.
 - c. Strategic Plan
 - i. #7, 8, & 9 are being delegated to the Finance Council

- ii. #12: Will look at the suggestion box. Father does not think that anonymous suggestions are the best way. Asked what is the best way. Norma suggested to contact a Pastoral Council member.
 - iii. #15: Julia is working on Flocknote training
 - iv. #16: Parish Census is currently being prepared.
 - v. #29: Summer Religious Education programs. We are on a wait list for Totus Tuus. The grade school "Seeds" program will be back in May. Father has ideas of some High School/Middle School trips to the beach and Mass at Kohler Andrae park.
 - vi. #64: Working on implementing items off of the Safety plan.
8. New Business
- a. Brewers Game – Chris Jennings has agreed to chair this excursion. Tom Reilly will share his notes from the last few years. Suggestions were made on planning the date as soon as possible and begin getting the word out as soon as a date is selected.
9. Administrator Remarks
- a. Father reminded everyone that Lent begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday.
 - b. He has planned a Lenten Reflection for Busy People which has been in the bulletin.
 - c. Peter asked about the possibility of another retreat like we had in November 2021. Father said he is thinking about it for a future date.
 - d. Important Dates
 - i. Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm
10. Closing Prayer led by Father Schmeckel.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Free, Parish Administrative Assistant