

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

1. Attendance:
  - a. Present: Peter Bustos, Rich Tauferner, Steve O'Neil, Jenny Roatch, Father Schmeckel, Rob Wenberg, Bridgitt Zielke, Toni Sarafin
  - b. Absent: Norma Horne, Tracy Kissel
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. Did not meet.
  - b. Budgets were submitted by March 18; will be discussed at next meeting.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Worship Committee – Steve O'Neil
    - i. Welcome baskets were delivered and were successful.
    - ii. Will be meeting with Father to go over the security document.
    - iii. Altar servers are back at Mass and being scheduled regularly.
  - b. Stewardship Committee – Peter Bustos
    - i. Budget requests were submitted
  - c. Formation Committee – Jenny Roatch
    - i. Easter Baskets will be distributed to homebound families
    - ii. Father: would like to have Tuesday trips to Terry Andrae park this summer with the middle and high school students. Details to be determined.
7. Old Business
  - a. Brewer Game (Peter Bustos)
    - i. Chris Jennings is heading up the Brewer game outing.
    - ii. 4 Potential Sundays in July and August were determined by past participants.
    - iii. Asked if the Pastoral Council could help with costs for bus and parking. Jenny asked for up to \$300.00 in aid.
  - b. Love One Another Campaign (Fr. Schmeckel)
    - i. Going well
    - ii. Public kick off weekend is April 21/22
    - iii. Quiet phase goal is at 29%
  - c. Strategic Plan
    - i. Suggestion box: Suggestions include missalettes coming back and more bulletins being printed. Talked about anonymous suggestions. Suggested forms be used.
    - ii. The census was distributed by email and mail. After deadline, volunteers will contact parishioners who have not responded.
8. New Business
  - a. Discernment – 5 positions to fill
  - b. 2023/2024 Year: Recommends 4 joint meetings with Blessed Trinity and 6 meetings with only St. John's Pastoral Council which will be 10 meetings per year.
9. Administrator Remarks

- a. Father mentioned that the Archbishop has opened the door for both species to be distributed during Masses. Father would like to wait awhile and some members would like to see it come back. Father is open to looking at bringing it back but it would not be with individual cups.
  - b. Father has changed how he would like to be contacted. He discourages email and would prefer phone calls. A new phone number was added to the bulletin.
  - c. Next meeting Father would like to discuss the weekend Mass schedule.
  - d. Important Dates
    - i. Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm
10. Closing Prayer led by Father Schmeckel.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Free, Parish Administrative Assistant