

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2023

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Denise Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, Terri Field, John Brady, Dan Vincent, Deb Beaman, Steve Kraska, John Bodnar, Joe Bertrand

ABSENTEES: Renee Billotto, Donna DeFavero

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Dan
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. We will focus on reviewing current Goals & Objectives discussion tonight.
 - b. Monthly meetings during summer – June, July, August – will not occur, but the Pastoral Council members will be on call via email on an as needed basis same as in past years.
 - c. Commission roles need to be filled in the upcoming year. Discern on people who you think may be good at this role and email suggestions Fr. Jim within the next month.
 - i. Terri Field (3-year term)
 - ii. Mark Tuttle (3-year term)
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Holy Week and Easter Masses including Easter Vigil were all well attended, and the church was full; assumed to be back to pre-pandemic attendance.
 - b. Water damage in the church
 - i. Leaking in the Gathering Space during Holy Week was resolved
 - ii. Tiles in the floor of the church recently raised up and are currently covered with rugs until tiles can be replaced
 - c. The Family of Parishes’ Holy Week Family Mission attendance was 500-600 people attended.
 - d. Palm Sunday with the children procession was well received.
 - e. Service projects continue to be well attended despite teens having fulfilled.
 - f. New signage at the church front doors recently posted.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - b. EDUCATION
 - c. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING
 - d. SENIORS

- e. WORSHIP
 - f. FINANCE
 - i. Weekly contribution collection breakdown
 - 1. Online Giving 51% (up from 25% pre-pandemic)
 - 2. Envelopes 45%
 - 3. Loose change 4%
 - ii. Parish budget is on track for this year
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- a. How do we encourage people to actively participate during Mass?
 - i. Can we display the song lyrics somewhere? It takes a lot of effort to use projector near the choir area of the church, so that's not a reasonable option.
 - ii. Can we get showcase the number of the weekly reading on the electronic hymn number board before the first reading? This option would be helpful for anyone who needs more time to find the page (young children) and those who missed hearing which number the lector announces at the beginning of the reading.
 - b. Teaching Mass has proven to be helpful in the past, and it's been a long time since the last one was done. Fr. Jim will consider doing that again soon.
- VIII. GOALS & OBJECTIVES
- a. Goal I – Consider showcasing Volunteer (group) of the Month to recognize current members and identify the Commission's current needs.
 - i. Objective I.1 – Revise
 - ii. Objective I.2 – Consider how can we get parishioners engaged in the Masses and/or the Commissions immediately following sacraments?
 - iii. Objective I.3 – Revise
 - iv. Objective I.4 – Remove
 - b. Goal II
 - i. Objective II.1 – Pope Francis Family of Parishes remains as a goal. Pastors within the Pope Francis Family has met with the bishop twice and received positive feedback. Shared services and resources among the different parishes to create synergy.
 - ii. Objective II.2 – Remove objective relative to Unleash the Gospel.
 - c. Goal III
 - i. Objective III.2 – Remove
 - ii. Objective III.3 – Remove
 - iii. Consider adding a new Objective based on ideas shared in tonight's meeting.
 - d. Consider adding as a goal or integrate into the current goals: Get more young people in the Worship services like lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers; How do we incorporate younger generation participation in the Mass ministries? How do

we incorporate younger generation participation in the Commission ministries?
How do we engage kids to keep their faith going after confirmation? Can we list
altar servers in the parish bulletin? How do we incorporate a personal invitation?

- IX. May 9, 2023, MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER
 - a. Opening prayer – Deb
 - b. Closing prayer – Elisabeth

- X. CLOSING PRAYER – Steve