

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2024

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, John Bodnar, Jill Josey, John Brady, Denise Brady, Renee Billotto, Steve Kraska, Joe Bertrand

ABSENTEES: Deb Beaman, Donna DelFavero

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Renee
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Parish Appreciation Dinner scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, and all Pastoral Council (PC) members are encouraged to attend.
 - b. Thank you, Megan, John, Renee for the past several years of service on the Pastoral Council team.
 - i. Members at Large replacements have been selected
 1. Sherry Szymanski (school parent)
 2. Jim Wyzlic (long-term parishioner)
 - ii. Young Adult Representative is no longer needed on PC at this time because there are several young adults in current PC roles; if circumstances change in the future, the need of this particular role will be reevaluated.
 - c. Short Story – Recently met new/returning parishioners who all confirmed that they came (back) to the Church because of a personal welcome from a fellow parishioner. This is great to hear!
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. New school principal has been hired. Ruth Scaramucci earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and her Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and Graduate Certificates in Educational Assessment and Basic School Administration from Eastern Michigan University. She has been teaching middle school grades at schools in the AOD like St. Raphael in Garden City and Our Lady of Victory in Northville for 14 years. She is a 2019 graduate of the AOD’s Principal Formation Institute. For the past three years, she has served as the Curriculum Director and middle school learning center teacher at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. She is currently getting acclimated at St. Edith catholic School as of May 13th and her family regularly attends 8:30 AM Mass at our church.

- b. Current interim principal, Nancy Kuszczak, will remain an AOD employee and train and mentor our new school principal throughout 2024-2025 school year.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- i. Funeral lunch coordinator is stepping down after 10 years but staying on to mentor the two new co-coordinators throughout the next year.
- ii. New picnic tables are on the parish office patio thanks to K of C.
- iii. If any committees are doing anything in the Parish Hall kitchen, either take the food with you or label it and make sure it is taken before the end of the week.

b. EDUCATION – See monthly meeting minutes distributed via email.

c. FINANCE

- i. If you have any high priority / urgent capital expenditures, please communicate them to John Brady by Monday, May 20th (next Finance Council meeting).
- ii. Finance Council members volunteered to assist parishioners after Masses in June with setting up / navigating Online Giving accounts/donations.

d. SENIORS

- i. Why isn't the tabernacle in the center of the altar? When the church was built, it was not customary to have the tabernacle located in the center of the altar. That trend has changed since our church was built.
- ii. Why is the large cross not a crucifix? When the church was built, a crucifix was not needed. That rule has changed since our church was built.

e. WORSHIP

- i. Hospitality costs have increased over the past year because of food cost, so it's now an option on the Online Giving online. Also, it'll be a separate envelope distributed twice per year.

f. EVANGELIZATION/WELCOMING (written and previously shared with PC team)

g. SOCIAL WORKER

- i. Sandwich-making volunteer opportunity started in May 2024 and is already filled up through May 2025!

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Goals & Objectives

- i. Modified virtually since last meeting.
- ii. Approved in this meeting.
- iii. Finalized 2024-2025 Goals & Objectives will be distributed in the upcoming parish bulletin.

b. Procession scheduled for Sunday, May 19th immediately following 11 am Mass starting at Madonna athletics parking lot to the Motherhouse grotto.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Parish Council Secretary is still needed for 2024-2025.
- b. Will spirit wear be available for purchase at the parish picnic this year? Deacon Don is investigating options for the apparel.

VIII. September 10, 2024, MEETING

- a. Finance Council expected to present the list of proposed capital expenditures for 2024-2025 and PC will review during meeting.
- b. Opening prayer volunteer – Denise
- c. Closing prayer volunteer – Jill

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Jill