

Pastoral Council Meeting
October 10, 2023
7 p.m. Meeting - Fireside Room

Agenda

Attendance: Deb Beaman, Joe Bertand, Renee Billotto, John Bodnar, Denise Brady, John Brady, Donna DeFavero, Elisabeth Johnston, Jill Josey, Steve Kraska, Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle

Absent: Megan Wolschleger

- I. Opening Prayer - Mark
- II. Review and Approve Minutes - Approved as submitted.
- III. Chairman's Comments
 - A. Evangelization Representative - Dan Vincent resigned from the Evangelization Commission and as a result, will no longer be the Evangelization Commission representative to the Parish Council. Deacon Don is working to identify a member of the Evangelization Commission to be the representative to the Parish Council.
 - B. Pastoral Council Report Volunteer - Mark wrote the first Pastoral Council Report for the bulletin and he wrote the second report, which will be in the bulletin this weekend (i.e. October 14-15). Mark asked for a volunteer to write the third report and if anyone is interested, connect with him after the meeting to discuss the report.
- IV. Fr. Jim's Comments
 - A. Family of Parishes Advent and Lent Activities - The Family of Parishes (i.e. St. Colette, St. Edith, St. Kenneth, and Our Lady of Victory) will plan and host together the reconciliation services for Advent '23 and Lent '24. In addition, for Advent '23, St. Edith will host speaker, Chuck Gaidica, in the morning on November 13, 2023 and St. Colette will host him in the evening on November 14, 2023. For Lent, Our Lady of Victory will host a speaker on Fr. Solanus in the morning on February 27, 2024 and St. Kenneth will host the speaker on February 28, 2024 in the evening.
 - B. Catholic radio segment - Fr. Jim and Heather Shina will be interviewed on Catholic radio on October 11, 2023 at noon to promote the upcoming duets concert.
- V. Committee Reports

- A. Christian Service - No meeting held in October. The Halloween candy collection for the seminary is taking place this weekend (i.e. October 14-15) and next weekend (October 21-22). Prior to the meeting, Mark shared Patti Kelly's report with the service projects she is coordinating for parish members. Of note, the service projects for the high school teens are going very well, with approximately 35 teens attending the September project.
- B. Education - The Education Commission is continuing to discuss and implement ways the parish and school can work together. Also, it was suggested that a CYO hard copy (ex. poster-board size) schedule of upcoming games be posted in the gathering space. Fr. Jim suggested the bulletin may be more appropriate to promote the schedules and Deb will follow-up with John Szewc.
- C. Evangelization/Welcoming - Nothing to report
- D. Seniors - Some of the seniors would like rails installed in the back, to ease with walking from the back parking lot into church.
- E. Worship - The Ushers Pancake Breakfast is this weekend (i.e. October 15). The duets concert with Fr. Jim and Heather Shina is this weekend (i.e. October 14-15). Approximately 20 people are attending Benediction following Adoration on Tuesdays. Approximately 40-50 people are attending Saturday Night Snacks. In Praise returned last month with Rick Nork. The Christmas Concert is December 17 at 3:30 p.m. Mass for the weekend of December 23-24 will be December 23 at 5 p.m. (i.e. no 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on December 24; other parishes in our Family of Parishes are offering Sunday, December 24 Mass for the December 23-24 weekend). Christmas Masses will be Sunday, December 24 at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and midnight and Sunday, December 25 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Fr. Jim will bring the topic of bulletin distribution, including availability before and after Mass and during the distribution of Mass to the worship commission for discussion.
- F. Finance - Nothing new to report as the Finance Council presentation at the last Parish Council meeting and the most recent Finance Council minutes were inclusive of all updates. Parish members can still make donations with their capital campaign envelopes, even though the parish is not currently in a capital campaign for a large-scale project. The process to approve the installation of the upgraded fire alarm system was quicker than anticipated and could be paid for from existing savings. The most recent article in the bulletin regarding CSA did not mention that if St. Edith does not meet its goal, as determined by a percentage of St. Edith's collections, it will be required to pay the shortfall from savings. This should be noted to parish members in the future. At the time of the second CSA mailing, St. Edith was approximately \$25,000 short of its goal. Only recently, St. Edith has not made its goal, but St. Edith parish members are

committed to fulfilling their pledges when they make them. A majority of the money collected through CSA goes to the seminary and its programs.

VI. Old Business

- A. Speed Dating Event - It will be held on October 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. The age brackets for the event are 21-27, 25-31, and 28-35.

VII. New Business

- A. Friday Email Announcements - Mark shared from Megan that she really likes the new format of the Friday email announcements and has received positive comments on them from other parish members too.

- B. Dr. Ben Carson Event - On Thursday, October 12, 2023, Dr. Ben Carson will be speaking at a Right to Life event at Burton Manor. Contact Sandy Rogala if interested in attending.

VIII. November 14, 2023 Meeting - Opening and Closing Prayer Volunteer

- A. Opening Prayer - Steve
- B. Closing Prayer - Elisabeth

IX. Closing Prayer - Deb

Submitted by: Elisabeth Johnston