

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 10, 2024

**7pm Meeting – Fireside Room**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Deb Beaman, Donna DelFavero, Elisabeth Johnston, Steven Kraska, Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Jim Wyzlic

Excused: Denise Brady, John Brady, Jill Josey, Sherry Szymanski, Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Jim
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES
  - a. Minutes approved as submitted.
  - b. Sherry volunteered to take the January meeting minutes.
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
  - a. Children’s Bucket Challenge – A church in Denver, in an effort to attract young families, started a Children’s Bucket Challenge. The children were given a small brass bucket and asked to fill it up with change during the month. During one Mass per month, the children bring their small buckets to Mass, and during the Offertory, bring up their buckets and dump them into a larger bucket. This church has seen an increase in Mass attendance for young families, especially in the one Mass per month where the children “empty their buckets”.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
  - a. The parking lot lights have been replaced and an increase in light has been noticed and well received.
  - b. Two roofs are being replaced:
    - i. The Rectory roof is leaking and is being replaced.
    - ii. The roof that connects the gym and the school is being replaced.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. CHRISTIAN SERVICE – No Report
  - B. EDUCATION – Nothing additional to report, but the numerous events that are taking place are all going well.
  - C. FINANCE
    - a. Physical Plant Update – See Fr. Jim’s Comments
    - b. The Parish Office is receiving calls regarding the Meet Your Match program, which is a good sign.

D. SENIORS

- a. As noted in the previous month, it will cost \$10,000 to install door openers in the men's and women's bathrooms. Finance is still looking for a group who will back this project.
- b. The lights at the back of the church were not replaced, only those in the front parking lot. The poles in the back belong to Villa Marie, so we cannot just make changes. Bob is looking into whether any of our current lights can be upgraded.

E. WORSHIP – No Report

- a. Donna commented that she invited a foreign family she knows to come to St. Edith for Mass. They did and were very complimentary about our welcoming community. They told Donna they would come back again.

F. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING (Written) - It was noted that there are numerous events happening.

G. SOCIAL WORKER (Written) – It was noted that there are numerous events happening.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - nothing to report

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. It was noted that nobody was selling SCRIPS after the 5pm and 11am Masses this past weekend. We need to ensure that if we are going to ask Fr. Jim to announce these happenings at Mass, they need to be covered.
- b. It was noted that when we have the Anointing of the Sick after Mass, and there is either Saturday Night Snacks or Coffee & Donuts, we should keep those available for the people being anointed.

VIII. January 14, 2025 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening - Deb
- b. Closing - Jill

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Mark

Submitted by: Mark Tuttle