

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 9, 2023

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Denise Brady, Elisabeth Johnston, Megan Wolschleger, Terri Field, John Brady, Deb Beaman, Steve Kraska, John Bodnar, Renee Billotto, Donna DelFavero

ABSENTEES: Joe Bertrand, Dan Vincent

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Deb
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Pastoral Council (PC) members should review their respective bios on the website and send any updates to Mark before September. Photos will be taken at the first meeting in September.
 - b. If you need a nametag, email Mark this week. He will place an order for new nametags before September.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Appreciation dinner is May 20th. Please rsvp to the parish office.
 - b. Scheduling altar servers in advance was discussed and is not a preferable option, but service hours will be offered to students who altar serve at the weekend Masses.
 - c. Ushers are waiting to distribute bulletins until the conclusion of Mass to dissuade distractions during Mass.
 - d. The (music) number board is only three digits. If the weekly scripture reading is only three digits, it will be posted on the number board.
 - e. Mary Ann Koelzer is resigning from her part-time position at the parish; Connie Fletcher is taking on a new role as Media Manager and other responsibilities as a full-time position.
 - f. Commissions should discuss if all members are returning. If not, inform PC as soon as possible.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - i. Food pantry “house” will be located on the north side of the parking lot. Volunteer list to keep it stocked will be distributed by Toni Sheffield.
 - b. EDUCATION – See monthly meeting minutes
 - c. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING – See monthly meeting minutes
 - d. SENIORS – No update
 - e. WORSHIP – See monthly meeting minutes
 - f. FINANCE

- i. Capital project list is attached to the Finance Council April meeting minutes. The order of the projects on the list is based on when the project is addressed.
- ii. CSA
 - 1. We are short of our target requirement this year. It was recommended to communicate to parishioners the status of reaching our CSA goal on a quarterly basis not just on an as needed basis.
 - 2. The target increased for this year. It's normally a flat rate calculated approximately 13% based on both weekly and Christmas collections.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Goals & Objectives for upcoming church calendar
 - i. Objective I.1 – *Weekly Mass attendance is fundamental to our St. Edith community, and we will continue to encourage an increase in weekly Mass attendance.*
 - ii. Objective I.5 – We will publish PC member biographies monthly and PC members will be introduced at the Mass they attend, beginning in fall 2023. Photos of PC members will be posted in the gathering space in fall 2023.
 - iii. Objective III.2 – Dan continues to work with the apparel store for parish spirit wear; he is expected to email updates to PC members.
- b. At Large Members terms
 - i. Terri Field – Completed 18 years of service for which we are grateful. She is stepping back from this role as At-Large Member on PC. If PC member has a person in mind to replace Terri next year, contact Fr. Jim.
 - ii. Mark Tuttle – His term is up but will stay on for another 3-year term as PC Chairman.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Appreciation dinner – What are we doing to show appreciation for our younger church volunteers? For example, Zelma is doing a pizza party this year for altar servers. We should consider how to extend appreciation to our younger volunteers (ex. event that is age/interest appropriate) who participate in the music ministries and as lectors too.

VIII. September 12, 2023, MEETING

- a. Cookout including PC members and Finance Council members prior to the meeting. Mark will distribute invitations via email and request members to sign up to bring something.
- b. Opening prayer volunteer – Denise Brady
- c. Closing prayer volunteer – John Brady

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Elisabeth