

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2024

7pm Meeting – Fireside Room

MEETING MINUTES

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

ABSENTEES: Joe Bertrand

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Jill
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. February meeting
 - i. Plan is to review current Parish Goals & Objectives (G&O); prior to next meeting, all PC members are asked to critically review the current G&O to determine if they are still relevant and feasible.
 - ii. Mark to email Patty & Deacon Don for their comments (virtually) in preparation for next meeting and both of them will be invited to April meeting when next year’s G&O are created.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Review Christmas Masses
 - i. What is the feedback on the not offering the Fourth Sunday of Advent morning Mass on Christmas Eve?
 1. Announcement was included on a church bulletin, weekly email, and parish website to ensure it was communicated.
 2. Parishioners found alternative Mass at other local parishes.
 3. Coordinate with our Family of Parishes on Mass schedule to utilize available resources (priests).
 - ii. Overall feedback of all Masses was positive including the Parish Hall attendance was full for the 4:00 PM Mass and all parts were working well.
 - iii. Observed altar servers were not present at the 6:30 PM Mass. Confirmed Sign-Up Genius is currently used. Fr. Jim contacting Worship Committee to consider how altar servers can be prioritized and confirmed at a minimum for Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter Masses.
 - b. All Masses surrounding/including kids’ participation and events are working well!

- c. New parishioner welcome/onboarding process recently reviewed and modified edited as needed.
 - d. PC members are to be introduced weekend of January 20th/21st. All members should come to your usual Mass and will be introduced by Fr. Jim immediately following the homily.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - i. New collection bin was recently crafted and donated by a parishioner; it replaces our old 30-year-old bin. Thank you, donor.
 - b. EDUCATION
 - c. FINANCE
 - i. No update within the past month until meeting scheduled next week.
 - d. SENIORS
 - i. Following discussion, decision was made to not install safety rails along the hallway between parish hall rear entrance and the church. All those asking for such safety rail are encouraged to use their personal walking assistance device like a walker.
 - ii. Lighting in the rear parking lot will be reviewed within the scope of work for the current exterior building / parking lot lighting.
 - e. WORSHIP
 - i. Parishioner from St. Kenneth called St. Edith parish office and offered his services as new Art & Environment team member.
 - ii. Linda Bodnar has chosen to step down as Secretary of the Worship Committee after 30 years; members will be filling in for this role by rotating on monthly basis.
 - f. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING (previously submitted report for review)
 - g. SOCIAL WORK (previously submitted report for review)
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Jill connected MOPS Coordinator with Deacon Don in order to play an active role with new young families, particularly those with infants going through the sacrament of baptism.
 - b. Steve asked all PC members if parishioners would be interested in a participating a local pilgrimage or field trip to a church in Detroit? The answer was yes pending more details to be provided by Steve in future PC meeting.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Consider adding QR code (in church bulletin) to access/encourage parish registration.
 - b. How to connect/communicate with new parishioners?
 - i. Welcome email (template to be used) sent to new parishioners within the month they joined the parish from a PC member on behalf of PC with the intent of making PC more visible to parishioners and make personal connection.

- ii. Remain sensitive to not bombard people with phone calls and emails.
 - iii. Mark to follow up with Deacon Don on the current welcoming process to determine if phone call, text, email is being done. Revisit this next month when we know these details.
- c. Some names of parishioners who made online donation for Christmas flower donations were not listed in the Christmas parish bulletin. Fr. Jim to confirm with Helen this process of getting list of names in the bulletin.

VIII. February 13, 2024 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

- a. Opening prayer – Denise
- b. Closing prayer – Mark

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Deb