

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 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, Deb Beaman, Joe Bertrand

ABSENTEES: Renee Billotto

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Denise
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – Approved
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Update on the Welcome Emails and process overall – Deacon Don is appreciative of PC team’s offer to email new parishioners but declining invite at this time. Welcoming Commission is in the process of creating a procedure including adding QR code (in church bulletin) to access parish registration.
 - b. If you know of anyone who is interested in the Welcoming Commission, please contact Deacon Don. Newly registered parishioner Betsy who reached out to Jill to share her experience may be someone who is interested and brings worthy feedback to the commission.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Parish Council member photos in the church entrance look great and have been well received because it puts a face to the name of members.
 - b. Upcoming marketing tool is to put small flyer in the pews with QR code, join the parish, email distribution list, and online giving.
 - c. Liquor license needing approval for 2024 events: MOPS Trivia Night, St. Edith School Fashion Show, St. Edith Parish Picnic, and Advent by Candlelight.
Approved by PC members.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. CHRISTIAN SERVICE
 - b. EDUCATION
 - c. FINANCE
 - d. SENIORS
 - e. WORSHIP
 - f. EVANGELIZATION / WELCOMING (shared previously via email)
 - g. SOCIAL WORKER (shared previously via email)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Local pilgrimage / field trip

- i. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament hosting a self-directed tour of the Holy Relics; varies in price based on group size but reasonable and consider offering transportation.
- ii. Growing movement of people doing local pilgrimages throughout America, i.e. meeting at a local place like Laurel Park Place or the grotto on the Felician Motherhouse campus.
- iii. The Chosen is coming soon to Phoenix Theaters at Laurel Park Place. Idea to host a group outing perhaps on a Sunday evening. Steve volunteered to set up event and attend as a “leader” by showing up early to the showing.

b. Lenten theme this year is “Build a Better Life”.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Goals & Objectives Review Session

- i. All PC members were asked to critically review the current goals & objectives to determine if they are still relevant and feasible.
- ii. **Goal I**
- iii. Objective I.1
 1. Suggestion is (for each Commission) to share a social media post once a month welcoming people to Mass or church-related event.
 2. Perhaps each Commission shares with Connie on a monthly basis one event or need that they have for the upcoming month. This gives commissions opportunity to share, streamlines the process of marketing, and gives Connie more pertinent content.
- iv. Objective I.2
 1. Do we need to develop plans to reach this objective?
 2. Need a specific activity in order to reach this objective. The Commission may already be checking the box on a specific activity that they do not even realize.
 3. Originally established this objective to connect with people who are new to the parish and/or through sacraments (particularly baptism) so we do not “lose them”.
- v. Objective I.3
- vi. Objective I.4
 1. Should “Spotlight on Ministry” still be included?
 2. Reiterate that *not only* parishioners are welcome to parish events.
 3. All are welcome! This common theme should be our focus throughout our goals and objectives.

- vii. Objective I.5
 - 1. We have achieved this objective, created this standard procedure, adopted it, and will continue to use it going forward

viii. Goal II

- ix. Objective II.1
 - 1. We currently share the Pope Francis Family weekly Mass times, which encourages parishioners to find alternative Mass times as needed.
 - 2. We currently share links to other Pope Francis Family parishes, which connects us.

x. Goal III

- xi. Objective III.1
- xii. Objective III.2
 - 1. Is the school alumni objective still relevant?
 - 2. Refocus on St. Edith spirit wear for parishioners particularly before/at the parish picnic.
- xiii. Overall, consider reformatting the goals & objectives and making them more concise.
- xiv. Next year's Goals & Objectives in upcoming meetings: March meeting will be intended to discuss and draft, and April meeting will be intended to finalize.
- xv. All PC members were asked to critically review the current goals & objectives to determine if they are still relevant and feasible.
- b. Former pastor Fr. Jim Schiek, funeral at St. Edith Church on Tuesday 2/20, he'll be in-state from 9 to 11 am, funeral Mass at 11 am.
- c. Church pews are bolted to the floor; ask Bob to check them if any pew bolts need to be tightened.

VIII. March 12, 2024 MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening prayer volunteer – Megan
- b. Closing prayer volunteer – Steven

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Mark