

Pastoral Council Meeting

May 7, 2019 Minutes

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Chris Woodford, Becky Adamski-Krische, Matt Krische, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, and Kris Miller. Terry Allen was excused.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on May 7, 2019, at 7:23 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski read the Gospel for the coming Sunday and lead the prayer to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes/notes from the April meeting were approved via email and posted on the website.

Committee Updates:

Education Committee: Matt Krische reported on the meeting held tonight.

- Security: General consensus was the training with EC police officers went well. What is the next step? Ed Committee is willing to go forward with helping to develop and implement safety/security protocol. Mike Bauer has much experience as facilities manager at Menards; we plan to rely on his expertise. The June meeting will build more on security.
- Kristin Hughes is no longer Deanery YM. YM will return to the parish level.
- Catholic Schools week lunches continue, since weather cancelled some of them. The week was a success.
- The Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help was a success.
- Parish Faith Night had an about 40 families regularly attend. There are about 90 families with school age children in religious ed. The EC is looking for ways to improve PFN, to encourage more people to attend, and to keep current families coming. Looking for what will engage people. Ideas include Bible Timeline in smaller groups; tours of churches explaining history, relics, stain glass windows, Stations of the Cross, and other learning tools of the Church; and explanations of the Mass are just a few ideas presented thus far.
- Surveys sent to Rel Ed families indicated that parents want to be involved. They would like to see summaries of topics from classes so they can discuss as a family throughout the week. The third graders want activities in gym, learning about saints, more candy, and would like their friends to come to Rel Ed too!

Family Life: Kris Miller reported on the meeting held tonight.

- Parish's 20th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for July 13, following 5:00 – 7:30 PM at the Lazy Monk. Food can be brought in. Beverages must be purchased on site. About 20 beverage purchases will cover cost of room. Kris will contact the Knights of Columbus to see if they would cater the event for us. May display a table of parish history. Kris will welcome and speak. Expect about 45-70 people will attend.
- Becky, Laura & Myrthe met with LifeTouch representative. Dates for photo shoots will be weeks of September 18-21 and October 9-12. Parishioners will register online and in churches. Contact info for families will be updated at this time. We hope to have volunteers to help people get acquainted with the online apps available: website, facebook, myparishapp, and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- Fall Bazaar: Has it run its course? Does continuing do more harm than good? Would a scaled back event be more beneficial? The sub-committee has met and is still discussing.

Community Concerns Committee: Elaine Carlson reported.

- Elaine distributed the first draft of the list of activities, events, opportunities for volunteering with the parish. The volunteer brochure is still be completed. Want information to include needs of each opportunity, expectations, time commitments, etc., which will help with recruitment.
- Feed My People Weekend Kids' Meals update; Feed My People sends an invoice for our pledge but will take whatever we can afford to send them They support our desire to partner with another organization to meet the children's needs.
- CCC has taken on many projects. They have the power to let go of some projects or alternate months of providing services, especially if the volunteers are not available.
- Stewardship Fair will be organized for this year and may coincide with the parish directory photo shoots. Having witnesses speak at Masses, a Witness of the Weekend, may also be a way to encourage people to get involved and serve others.

Sacred Worship: Didn't meet after Easter. Triduum was beautiful. Worship of parish through liturgy, song, and environment was excellent.

Finance Council: Chris Woodford reported:

- Budget for the upcoming fiscal year is nearing approval; much discussion on funds vs. expenses.
- Diocesan Annual Appeal is short nearly \$17,000. The difference will come from parish general operating fund in June.
- Damage to cemetery blacktop headstones will be reported to snowplowing contractor's insurance for repair.
- Plans for next season's plowing are being discussed.
- Staff wages and hours were discussed.
- Online scrip sales has details still being worked through.
- Rectory rental opportunities discussions continue: renting to Mayo professionals, Catholic Student House, L'Arche Community, and other options are in the mix.
- Parish database is bloated with families/members who may or may not still be active members. Efforts reaching out to members who have not been active since 2016 will help us update our records. A three-prong mailing campaign should help us see who is active and who has moved on. Goal is to have a more accurate parish database to start the next fiscal year.

Hearing & Feeling: Discussion of what do parents and students see/want/need/experience at church and in Rel Ed. revealed differences in what parent and child report. Older kids want to talk about the big questions of Faith.

When Notre Dame burned, amazed at the grief felt even in Eau Claire. Led to discussion of how can we promote the history of our parish? How can we be as welcoming to everyone as Notre Dame is/was?

Old Business:

- **Screen Update:** No real interest in the panels. Search continues.
- **Consolidating Masses:** Matt will speak at SP on May 18/19. Other PC members will speak after SH Masses. They will give testimony to the parish regarding the benefits and positive results of changes to our weekend Mass schedule.

- Rooming House/Rectory Project: Options include: Mayo renting it for professional housing; L'Arche Community (for people with intellectual disabilities and mentors living in community; houses in nearby states and worldwide; family concept); Catholic Student Housing. Questions about feasibility, regulations, inspections, expectations, costs, etc. need to be addressed.
- Rebuilt's 16-17 people have about 3 meetings left, ending June 3. What happens after that is a question. What happens now that this resource has been encountered?

New Business:

This weekend, PC members will take a minute or two after Masses to share some info with the parish: Anniversary Party on July 13; website provides info like PC contact info, meeting minutes, etc.; and that the Finance Council is close to presenting a balanced budget.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:25 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

Next Meeting: June 4 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.