

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary DeFoe (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Craig Hohlfeld (SA), Bill Madison (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), and Anita Tomczik (SH).

Members Absent: Carol Wozniak (SA).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Craig Hohlfeld.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The council reviewed the minutes from the previous Joint Pastoral Council meeting of August 4, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Montgomery, second by Anita Tomczik. Motion was called and approved unanimously.

IV. St. Ann Finance Committee Report:

St. Ann's currently has \$1,414.15 in general checking, \$28,987.24 in general savings, \$31,276.17 in Perpetual Care, and \$26,735.45 in the Mission Diocese Investment Fund. Total current assets equal \$97,049.18.

V. Old Business:

1.) St. Anthony New Church Building Update –

Groundbreaking on September 9th was very well attended and was a huge success. Crews have been working daily since project started. It's been fun to watch. The building committee has selected paint colors, carpet and flooring colors. Excavation, dirt and foundation work is complete, and the concrete pad is poured. Framing has begun; however Northwest Builders has advised of a delay in getting trusses. Once trusses arrive, construction will resume.

2.) Sacred Heart-

Building Sign – Anita Tomczik advised she will see what the hold up is. The sign should have been up by now.

VI. New Business:

- 1.) Deacon Steve advised he has been very pleased with the work of the Joint Pastoral Council and the level of contribution everyone has committed to the joint council; however, it seems like meetings have become a bit redundant with the monthly

meeting schedule. Deacon Steve suggested it might be better if the joint committee would meet two or three times a year instead. By limiting the regular monthly joint meetings, he could meet with individual councils independently as needed. The joint meetings could be scheduled around specific times of the year when it would be most advantageous for planning that involves all three parishes. After discussion it was decided that the Joint Pastoral Council will meet in April, June and October.

- 2.) Deacon Steve advised that Sister Pamela Biehl will be at St. Anthony's November 15-17. Sister Pam is one of the project leaders for a research project being conducted by Cardinal Stritch University on the effectiveness of the Parish Life Coordinator leadership model as it is being utilized across the United States. Deacon Steve is currently participating in a Cohort of PLC's from across the country as a part of the research project. Deacon Steve extended an invitation to everyone to participate in a meeting with Sr. Pam at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, to share their experiences with this leadership model.
- 3.) Deacon Steve advised that an hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Almena, starting at 6:00 p.m., on Thanksgiving Evening. The hour of Adoration is part of a diocesan effort toward the revival of Eucharistic Adoration around the diocese. Every Wednesday evening throughout 2022 and 2023 an hour of Adoration is being held in a designated parish within the diocese. All are invited to attend.

VII. Committee Reports

1.) Health Ministry –

Mary Freitag advised the new AED's have been received and distributed among the parishes. The old AED's that are not still being utilized will be donated to 1st responders in Barron County.

The Health Committee is discussing a Faith Based Weight Loss Program to be offered in our parishes. More information will be forthcoming.

QPR Training will be offered this coming Sunday at Sacred Heart in Almena.

The "Final Affairs" events were well attended. Requests for further training events have been received, so they will be offered again in the fall.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Bill Madison, seconded by Anita Tomczik. Motion was called and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – April 13, 2023.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton/Parish Life Coordinator