

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

February 23, 2023

### Zoom

*In attendance: Fr. John Dillon, Bernie McGuire, Vince Price, and Chris King.*

*Also present: Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan*

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm.
- Bernie McGuire made a motion to accept the council minutes from January, with Chris King seconding the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

At its meeting February 23, the Parish Pastoral Council learned that the pastor is reviewing five bids to get the church parking lots repaired and is taking the next step in the process to purchase a new fire panel for the church building.

Fr. John reported that the bids cover the repair of all the church parking lots, several of which are severely cracked. Parishioner Brian Pettit is helping shepherd that process. He also reported completing paperwork for the replacement of the fire panel; the paperwork now goes to the archdiocese for review.

Under news of interest to the council, Fr. John:

- Reported that the parish's finances in January 2023 are in good shape, thanks to a generous parish gift. In that month, parish income was \$271,773, expenses were \$124,280, and the income to expense ratio was \$147,493.
- Reported that attendance at the Ash Wednesday Masses was "amazing," saying the 9 am Mass had over 200 attendees while the 12 pm Mass had 168 attendees.
- Discussed an article on how churches can integrate their Spanish- and English-speaking parishioners. He also said Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan will plan a watch party for America Media's "People of God" documentary, which discusses this issue.
- Reported that Youth Minister Travis Tomon resigned effective February 25, but still plans to volunteer in Youth Ministry. Father said he would coordinate the ministry for now, with the help of parents David Heller, Margaret Rudmann, Veronica Greenwell, and Andrew Einsmann. Fr. John said the ministry may get involved with Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe program.
- Reported that some parishioners are visiting some parishioners who have remained isolated during COVID to see what their needs are.
- Told council members about the National Black Catholic Congress that will take place in National Harbor this summer; registration should be made by February 28.
- Discussed the Action in Montgomery meeting on March 12.

Under committee reports, the council also heard from the:

- **Communications Ministry:** Over the past month, the ministry prepared promotional materials for Lent, promoted the Haiti Benefit Concert and the upcoming Hoops for Haiti basketball fundraiser, and helped customize materials for the 2023 Annual Appeal.

- **Haiti Ministry:** Signed contract to have Hoops for Haiti at Good Counsel High School, sent money to pay teachers at the Bon Pasteur School, and received a check for \$2,900 from the Knights from the spaghetti dinner fundraiser.
- **New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance:** Families are coming from Afghanistan and are in a graver emotional state than even other refugees.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 2323:** Lenten fish dinners are on March 3, 7 and 31. They are also raising money to help buy a new sonogram machine for the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. They plan to raise \$14,000, which will be matched by the State and Supreme councils.
- **Ushers:** Father thanked Vince for his coordination of this ministry.

Chris asked whether anyone had volunteered for the Pastoral Council or the Intercultural Council. Fr. John said no one had volunteered for the former, but several had volunteered to serve on the latter. He has not yet found someone to lead it.

Fr. John also reminded council members he needed them to sign the archdiocesan conflict of interest forms. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.