

BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15 TH , 2022

6:30 PM

Present: Fr Glenn, Fr Alex, Michael Federman, Claudia Plascencia, Warren Skonieczny, Bob Zolandz, Mike Gaffney, Cindy Gaffney, Thomas Daniels, Diane Domoris, Chris Helm, Nicole Brzezinski

Absent: Mary Zolandz

The meeting opened at 6:29 with the council reciting the Mission of the Archdiocese and the Mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Fr Glenn then lead the council in an opening prayer

Fr Glenn received a letter of resignation from Don Schaewe effective immediately from the pastoral council. Fr Glenn thanked Don for his years of service.

With the resignation of Don, a new chairperson was needed. Fr Glenn asked everyone to prayerfully consider being the chair. We then had discernment where anyone that wished to be considered for the position of chairperson could speak as to why they wished to be considered. Thomas Daniels spoke up and stated that he would like to be considered for chairperson, offering an impressive list of parish involvements. Thomas was the only person to speak up. A vote was taken, and the council voted unanimously and wholeheartedly for Thomas to become the new chairperson. Fr. Glenn spoke of how the Lord provides; and wished Thomas well.

We are still looking to have a few more people to become members of the Pastoral Council. Nicole Brzezinski was in attendance at the meeting to see if it was something she may be interested in.

The Parishes two Trustees terms expired this past June. Due to all the changes in the staff at that time, the parish requested and was granted a grace period until June of 2023. By June of 2023 our Trustees will either be renewed, or new ones elected. At that time, one will be a one-year term and one will be a two year term. This is being done so the terms are staggered in the future and don't expire at the same time.

In the near future the council will start working on short-term and long-term strategic plans. Fr Glenn is promising some resources on this. He has done two 100th Anniversaries in other parishes he was pastor of in Sheboygan; and believes we can also have a year of monthly activities to celebrate Blessed Sacrament Parish and School.

Claudia presented the council with the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30 th , 2022. At some point in the near future (though with a December Deadline) an Annual Report will be presented to the Parish. She also offered the detailed report for the year of June 2021 to June 2022 and for the month of September of 2022. These took a long time to create for various reasons; and, we are grateful for the work it has taken to produce them.

Michael Federman presented the council with a chain of command chart giving everyone an ideal who to go to for specific things. He asked everyone to take a look at it and give any suggestions on things that should be added and where.

We are still looking for a Parish Deanery Representative. The Representative would attend 4 meetings a year to exchange what is going on in local parishes. Fr Glenn and Fr Alex do attend these Deanery Meetings and others as well, with all the priests and Administrators of local parishes. The sharing that takes place at these separate meetings are valuable.

Michael presented everyone on council with a binder that contains all the minutes from the minutes from the council minutes. It also contains information on the parish, the chain of command chart and the Archdiocese Pastoral Council Norms.

The leak in the tunnel between the church and the school has been fixed. IEM had contacted several plumbers to investigate the problem. The cost would have been pretty high with no guarantees. IEM then found a company to investigate the leak. They came to us and said it was a city problem. The City of Milwaukee was contacted and came out to investigate. They found an old pipe on Oklahoma Ave. that wasn't capped. The city repaired it and the leak stopped. At this point there doesn't appear to be any damage to the infrastructure of the building nor a bill from the city for its repair. They and we will continue to monitor the situation.

The outside lighting on Oklahoma Ave has been taken care of. A circuit breaker was mistakenly turned off.

The sound in the Church has again been investigated. The sound company came in and determined everything is set where it needs to be to best suit the church. Part of the problem could be with the difference in voice tone and projection of the lectors and priests. This will continue to be monitored.

The Flag in Church the has been replaced.

Mike Gaffney stated the flag down in the church hall was found partially off the pole and on the floor. Mike & Cindy folded it and put it on a stand on the stage. Michael said he would look into replacing it.

A meeting was held to discuss the status of the Organ Project. No new projects can move forward with The Love One Another Campaign going on. Once 100% of the funds are collected and used on the projects designated for the campaign any funds leftover could potentially go toward another project. If the project does not move forward all funds collected for the Organ Project could be returned to the donors, though this would be a last resort. The project would cost about \$500,000, it was decided to take another look at the project in the future.

Eucharistic Revival is set to start in June of 2023 on Corpus Christi. The Archdiocese would like all Parishes to have an enhanced outdoor procession. There is also talk of collaborating with other Parishes.

It was stated years ago we collaborated with the Methodist Church on 51 st and Morgan and Jackson Park Lutheran on Oklahoma Ave. Once a year the pastors would speak at each other's parishes and then on Good Friday the 3 Parishes would meet at the Methodist Church and walk to Blessed Sacrament meeting Jackson Park Lutheran on the way. One wonders if this relationship or another Ecumenical Association can come into existence. It is believed that none exist at present. Fr. Alex may look into this.

Blessed Sacraments 100 year anniversary is in 2027 we should start thinking about what we as a parish would like to do to celebrate it.

Mike Gaffney stated that he will run the Fish Fry's for 2 more years. The next Fish Fry is scheduled February 24 th to kick off the Lenten season.

Cindy Gaffney wanted to let everyone know that the Christian Women Bake Sale will be back this year, The dates will be December 3 rd & 4 th after all Masses.

There will be no Pastoral Council Meeting in December due to its proximity to Christmas, The next meeting will be Tuesday January 17 th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm with Fr Alex leading us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Mike Gaffney