

Lumen Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes- December 19, 2023

Present: Jim Ott, Doug Patch, Mary Tobin, Bob Meyers, Manny Martinez, James Deguire, Jon VanDrisse, and Lisa Wright

Upcoming Sunday Gospel Reading and Reflection:

The meeting began at 7:07pm with a reading from the Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38, followed by reflections shared among the attendees.

Administration

- Manny Martinez made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, and Jon VonDrisse seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.
- Bob followed up with Fr. Michael regarding the engagement of altar servers. Fr. Michael is considering a small incentive (e.g. a pizza party) to get more students involved
- Bob Meyers gave an update on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The Council will meet four times in 2024. At the December meeting, there were a series of topics covered including an overview of the office communications, the future of Catholic education, the eucharistic revival theme (which is a four year process), and use of parish websites. A presentation was given on the Synod of Synodality which happens every three years in Rome with a different theme. This one will focus on “how we walk with people.” Additional information will follow from Rome.

Commission Updates and New Business

- Finance: Jon VanDrisse provided a financial update.
 - The parish is slightly behind budget but no concern.
 - The building project (sections A&B of the proposal) was presented on December 8.
 - There was some pushback on the timing and when the project will start
 - Sections C&D of the proposal will be presented in February
 - Plunkett Raysich will be doing the architectural drawings
 - Berghammer will most likely serve as the general contractor
 - Proposed financing of the \$3.-3.5M project: \$500k from endowment, \$1M from unrestricted savings (\$2.2M balance) \$1.5 from “Love One Another” (cash received over four years) , some funds from Shamrock, the annual school fundraiser

- Project Messaging will be important. This addition addresses a pain point at the school. However, it is important to present how this benefits the parish overall and is not just a school project. Bob Meyers commented that there has been considerable work to bring the church and school community together.
- Building and Grounds Update (submitted in advance by Fr. Michael)
 - November- no meeting.
 - December
 - The upcoming school remodel/addition is anticipated to begin April 2024.
 - The property signs have been installed on the north end of the property.
 - The boiler/exhaust project in the school is still incomplete. There is no projected completion date.
 - The floor tile project in the school may be delayed/added to the school remodel/addition.
 - The classroom painting quote is in process.
 - Options are being explored for three projects: ensuring water supply to the cemetery, evening out the field for the school, and installing fencing to prevent playground balls going into the creek.

Pastoral Update (submitted in advance by Fr. Matthew.)

- This weekend and Christmas Masses: please wear your name badges and be present at the Masses to help with the flow of visitors. FYI- Most frequently asked questions- “Where is the ladies room and men’s room?”
- The Archdiocese has given us the initial permission to pursue an architect to draw up the conceptual design for the school project.
- Meaghan Turner is working to get a few representatives to go to the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024.
- A special thank you to each one of you as members of the parish and key volunteers in the parish community. Your dedication, commitment and participation in the parish life is acknowledged and much appreciated. I am grateful for you and your valuable service to me and to this parish community.
- Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year to you and family!

Discussion of the Month: The Council discussed the question: How are you personally inviting others to be an active member at Lumen Christi?

The group discussed how it is harder to have conversations with people that we know versus those we do not.

The group discussed how the video streaming of masses potentially dilutes attendance and building community. There was agreement that the streaming of masses does provide a valuable service to the sick and homebound, and it would be difficult to discontinue.

Closing: In lieu of vespers, the group prayed a decade of the rosary focused on sorrowful mysteries.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright