

Lumen Christi Meeting Minutes- September 19, 2023

Present: Fr. Matthew Jacob, Fr. Michael Courchaine, Jim Ott, Doug Patch, Greg Von Roenn, Bob Meyers, Manny Martinez, James Deguire, and Lisa Wright

Upcoming Sunday Gospel Reading and Reflection: The meeting began at 7:05 pm with a reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, followed by reflections shared among the attendees.

Administration:

- James Deguire made the motion to approve the July meeting minutes, and, Lisa Wright seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved with one correction from Greg Von Roenn that the Human Concerns Report was omitted from the July minutes.
- All commission liaisons are to send their reports to Lisa a week in advance of the Pastoral Council Meeting. Reports are requested by EOD the Thursday prior. Please let Lisa know by email if your report will be coming in after that time. Commission reports will be sent in advance with the agenda to allow for questions and discussion during the meeting.
- Council members are asked to prepare for the “question of the month” in advance of the Council meeting. This question will be listed on the agenda
- Please make every effort to attend the monthly Pastoral Council meetings.
- Commission Liaison Updates:
 - Mary Tobin will be the liaison for Catholic Formation
 - James Deguire and Jim Ott will both be liaisons for Prayer and Worship

Commission Updates and New Business

- Prayer and Worship
 - Saturday, September 23 is Blessed, Broken, Poured Out, and Shared. The morning will include a prayer session, thank you breakfast for all liturgical ministers, a keynote speaker, and a breakout session with process updates for the different ministries
 - The cup will return to all liturgies beginning the weekend of 9/29. This will be optional for all parishioners, as it was prior to Covid. The new protocols will be explained on 9/23 to eucharistic ministers.
 - The Ministry Fair will take place after all masses on 9/23 and 9/24 in St James hall
 - Bob had commented about the lack of altar servers. Fr. Michael is training all 5th-grade students during the week of 9/25. This training is mandatory.

Fr. Matthew commented that there also needs to be a way to incentivize the parents who drive servers to mass.

- Human Concerns

- Care for Creation:
 - Quotes from Laudato Si are in the bulletin and Flocknotes
 - Upcoming children's mass - focus on St Francis
 - Wendy Mikkelsen is working with the Lumen Christi science teachers
- Knights of Columbus
 - Assisted with picnic
 - Purchasing and donating bibles for all confirmation students
 - Working on student contest again this year
- St Vincent de Paul
 - Bundle Sunday on 10/14 and 10/15
 - Conducting bible study for female inmates in the Ozaukee system
 - Meal and food security work continues with Family Promise and the Port Light Shelter
- Jim Luther Food Pantry
 - Hired full-time employee - Jack Bolog
 - Co-op second location on Beecher Street at Manor Housing
 - The numbers of those being served by the pantry continues to be sizable- 450/500/month
- Center for Working Families
 - Entered a 30-minute video documentary for Pope Francis
- Greg made a request for Dr. Deborah Lassiter to come to Lumen Christi in early 2024 to discuss her work on Human Trafficking. She leads a 16-person team. Several Council Members- Bob, Manny and Lisa expressed support.
 - Next step: Greg to contact Catherine Orr to review the parish calendar for ideal time.

- Stewardship

- The new parishioner breakfast is on 10/8 from 10-11 in St. Cecelia's.
 - All Council Members have received an invitation. Request for Council members to attend and socialize with new members. Help is always needed with cleanup for those willing to stay
 - 110 new families received invitations on 9/11 and 9/21. Stewardship Commission members will do personal outreach calls and texts beginning on 9/26.
- Communication was developed for outreach to parishioners who are not contributing financially. This project was done in conjunction with Jane

Bartlett. Input was received from younger members of the parish who are actively giving.

- Commission members are testing the Realm Directory app, working with Catherine Orr.
- Catholic Formation
 - Classes started the week of 9/10
 - The program is off to a good start. There are enough catechists and backups
 - Final student numbers will be available in October
- Building and Grounds
 - Great clean-up day. Lots of participation.
 - A new playground is being installed
 - Berghammer quarterly report: there was a donation for the new pump .
- School
 - school year is off to a strong start
 - Enrollment at 369
 - 4 new teachers, 2 new admin staff
 - Hot lunch program has been reinstated and needs to grow to ~80-100 orders/day (currently 45)
 - The new teacher lounge funded by Home & School was well received and is very much appreciated.
 - Athletics is starting strong with the first year of boy's volleyball.
 - This is the 40th year for Shamrock (3/23/2024), the school fundraiser w/Twilight Trivia scheduled for 11/11/2023
 - School Uniform changes
 - added gray to the list of sock colors (navy, black, white, forest green) to match the new middle school sweatshirts
 - redefined boys' shorts to include a "dresslike appearance" to include buttons, zippers, and belt loops (to avoid athletic shorts that have crept closer)
 - girls' skirt length: remains the same, with the policy addition to having parents notified if students don't adhere to policy
 - gym shorts: switching to Lands Ends shorts all students and spirit wear tops
 - School Enhancements
 - Window film previously discussed has been installed.
 - New security cameras will be installed 9/25-27
 - A new playground was installed the last week of Oct.
 - Chasing a \$150K grant for further school security enhancements

- Academic
 - Summer School for next year is being finalized to enable Jan release (aligned with competitive products)
 - Planned textbook reviews and selection will begin for Math and Religion
- Finance
 - All finances are on track
 - Finance Committee had a presentation from the Catholic Commission Foundation- opportunity to invest funds for families in need
 - Approval for the interest from fund to be reinvested in capital improvements.
 - Love One Another Campaign : first cash distribution received. Will be used to pay off building debt
 - Commitment Card weekend is 11/12

Pastoral Update

- Fr. Matthew has been in contact with Kathy Karolewicz, Jim's widow. The Council chose a date of October 15 at 5 p.m. to take her to dinner. Location TBD- please save the date.

Discussion of the Month: The Council discussed the question: How do you personally embody and active member at Lumen Christi?

Closing and Vespers : After vespers the meeting closed at approximately 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Wright