

Lumen Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—October 15 , 2024

Present: Fr Matthew Jacob, Fr. Michael Courchaine, James DeGuire, Jim Ott, Mary Tobin, Lisa Wright. Bob Meyers, Jon VanDrisse, Pat Sheehy, Dan Van Housen, Greg Von Roenn, Manny Martinez

Meeting began at 7:06 with a reading and reflection of the Gospel of Mark 10: 35-45.

September Minutes Approval

Mary Tobin made a motion and James DeGuire a second to approve the September meeting minutes with no corrections.

Finance Report

- Annual Reports were sent via email; hard copies are available
- Special Needs Services Audit: Lumen Christi passed with high marks.. Audit conducted by Lucida
- P&L
 - Overall parish finances in good shape
 - Slightly below budget by \$31K. Approaching stewardship weekend, giving is typically light at the beginning of the fiscal year
 - Increase in Building and Grounds line item which is slightly over budget- this is being researched
- Balance Sheet
 - \$805K from the Love One Another Fund will be used for the school building loan

Deanery Update, Mary Tobin

- Ozaukee/Milwaukee NE Deanery met on 10/8 in Port Washington
- Deanery meets in the spring and fall
 - The Archbishops Pastoral Council (APC) meets four times per year and the Deanery gets reports on two APC meetings
- Two major topics from the last APC that Bob Meyers reported on were:
 - Security: Many parishes have begun to keep their doors locked during Mass.
 - The Archdiocese has hired a safety/security person.
 - Each parish interprets and defines guidelines that are appropriate for their respective communities as there is no set directive that all parishes must follow.
 - Creating a Safe Environment: primary focus in on children
 - Archdiocese is expanding the training of volunteers
- The Deanery meetings always include a question from the Archbishop. The question for this meeting was centered on evangelization

- Other ideas discussed: how parishes are creating a welcoming environment to invite people into the community
 - Port Washington: Pool party for parish and non-parish members at the Cedarburg pool. Flyers were distributed with information about the parish.
 - Walk with One Campaign (Emmaus 90 practice): to identify one with whom to walk and pray
 - Divine Savior and Our Lady of the Lakes Cluster: parade float with patron saints and participated in local parades. Distributed flyers, information and candy.
 - Community Programming on topics of interest: mental health, addiction, drug abuse and job networks. These are open to all for evangelization
 - Sponsored programs of prayer and worship—and asking people to bring others to these events. Examples include: Lenten Soup Series, Women's Night of Light

Pastoral Council Discussion Item: Engaging Faith in Service

- How are we engaging more people to advance their faith journey?
 - Lumen Christi's culture has assisted in bringing more people in
 - As a pastoral council and as active members we should be thinking beyond weekly mass to the numerous events that are offered
 - Need to reinforce active membership and the 4 pillars
 - The upcoming parish campaign will help to support this

Pastoral Update

- Parish Councils Congress on Saturday October 19.
 - 8:30-9:00 Mass
 - There will be various breakout sessions on different topics including: parish missionary leadership, effective council structure and resources, finance and incorporating prayer into leadership and meetings
- Fr. Matthew recognized the hard work of the hospitality committee. They show both patience and grace in all that they do. Please take a moment to thank them
- There has been an increase in altar servers. Parishioners have been commenting to the ushers. Fr. Michael has been training 5-8th graders
- Seminarian Dinner : Announced a new \$65M campaign for the seminary and \$40M has already been pledged

Closing: The meeting was concluded at 8:40. Vespers followed the close of the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wright*