

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
November 17, 2022
PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH – 7:00 (Gathering Area)

I. Opening prayer (Family Life Commission)

II. Roll Call: Fr. Appel, Father Lamansky, Deacon Jeff, Brenda Bertram, Sister Kathy Holland, Cindy Holliday, Ed Kross, Annette Lyons, Nancy Mathena, Dave Schnier, Marla Schultz, Sandra Sivertsen, Dean Stone, Anne Leonard, Theresa Williams, Anna Lorenzen
Absent: Joe Brown, Gloria Marcos, Tate Ruden, Carmen Soesbe, Dean Stone

III. Approval of Minutes – Stand as written.

IV. Approval of Agenda – Stand as written.

V. Report from Commissions on Visioning (Father Paul)

Questions presented last meeting:

- a. What are we doing to take care of our parishioners?
- b. How do we reach out to lapsed Catholics?
- c. What are we doing for our school families

Things we are already doing:

- Nov. 1st – Remembrance Sunday
- Parish School children singing at church – next on Dec. 11th at 10:30am Mass
- Calling people for their birthdays

New Ideas:

- Children's choir
- Catholic School's Week – student's do all liturgy assignments at the 10:30am Mass.
 - Open this up to more of the Masses
- Students help greeters at the Masses – wear their Prince of Peace shirts.
- Recruit students on Dec. 11th for the Christmas Choir
- Students have a Christmas program at school, they can practice there and bring it back to church.
- Use the current Parish Directory to identify non attending parishioners and devise a plan to make personal contact with them. Offer information about the Formed and Amen App.
- Create a newsletter before Advent, generated at the staff level.
- Advent Morning Reflection – have classes create welcoming signs and use for this reflection, take pictures and send back to class as a thank you.
- At the beginning of Mass, greet the people around you and say Hi!
- Have meetings like Peace Soup throughout the year, like meet the school family's night.
- Coffee and donuts in the morning.
- Bulletins for children to pickup
- Fill the gym night
- Guest book for visitors and or recognition at Mass.
- Getting the people in their 20's to church?
 - Escape room, ball field, casino, bowling alley, sawmill museum, movies, Showboat, Eagle Point Lodge event, trivia night, theology on tap.
- Start child care during Mass.
- Needs for family room – rocking chair, children's toys, changing table.
- Salad Luncheon – children menu options? Cookout?
- Breakfast with St. Nick

- Family Day – pork dinner, music, games for adults and children.
- Parish Festival to be a goal to accomplish by next Fall.
 - Establish committees to tackle each part of the festival.
 - Hurdles: picking the right date, sporting events, heat.

VI. Business – Continue Visioning for the Parish (Father Paul)

- Talked about above
- A. Diocesan Synod Questions
- Working on welcoming and belonging.
 - Youth and family engagement.
- B. Capital Campaign
- The Bishop has created a capital campaign to create a foundation for clergy retirement, seminary education, etc. with a goal of reducing the ADA every year. He would like to see broad based participation.
 - Father Appel will be asking the head of commissions and the finance council to be a part of that broader team. The campaign will start in February, and the goal is 1.3 million.

Other comments - The new ministry lists should be out by November 29th.

Prayer intentions – Sister Joyce, Park Vista Community, Deacon Jeff's niece, Parish family's to have a blessed Thanksgiving, and safe travels.

VII. Adjournment – Father Appel (7:55PM)

VIII. Closing Prayer (Hail Mary)

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Thursday, January 19th, at 7:00pm.

The Justice & Peace Commission representative will lead the opening prayer.