

St. John Paul II Parish, Carroll, IA

Pastoral Council Minutes, January 4, 2024

Present: Fr. Patrick Behm, Deacon Alan Loew, Deacon Tim Murphy, Deacon Dave Prenger, Deacon Scott Steffen, Julie Borelli, Kathy Halbur, EmmaLee Miklosovic, and Mary Jo Wieland. Absent were Fr. Peter Pham and Mary Anne Lahr.

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Behm.

Old Business:

Bylaws review

- Fr. Behm will edit and send to all pastoral council members.

New committee members update

- Fr. Behm will start contacting those names who have been submitted to him as possible new members to the council. He noted that Mary Anne Lahr has notified him that she would like to step down from her position as the representative of Holy Family Parish in Lidderdale.

Committee updates

- Mary Jo reported on the excellent response with the Advent trees, with the recipients being Family Resource Center, Birth Place at St. Anthony Hospital, Community of Concern Food Pantry, New Opportunities, Kuemper students, and St. Anthony Nursing Home, Regency Park, and Accura Nursing Home. There was also a large response with gas cards and grocery cards, which will be given to parishioners at Fr's discretion.

New Business

- There was a discussion regarding the Summer Event, including location, time of day, etc. It was decided that the date will be August 11 at Graham Park. Fr. Behm contacted Fr. David Hemann to see if he would be interested in being the entertainment, and he agreed. Mary Jo will contact the Women's Club, Jeff Schuler with the Men's Club, and check with the Rec Center to reserve the band shell area at Graham Park.
- Discussion was held regarding the Christmas Mass attendance. The Vigil Mass at 4pm at Holy Spirit was full, the 6:30pm Mass a fair crowd. Midnight Mass at Willey was to capacity. The Masses on Christmas Day were like a normal Sunday Mass attendance.

- Fr. Behm noted that February 20-22 Fred Shellabarger and Kara Kardell with Draw Near Ministries will be leading a parish mission here. More details will be coming soon.

Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Behm.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, February 1, 5:30pm, Collison Hall, St. Lawrence.