

## **St. John Paul II Parish, Carroll, IA**

### **Pastoral Council Minutes, November 2, 2023**

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

**Opening Prayer** was led by Fr. Behm.

**Motion to approve the October minutes** by Fr. Behm, seconded by EmmaLee Miklosovic.

#### **New Business**

##### **Make-up of Pastoral Council**

- The meeting consisted of a general discussion of the future make-up of the Pastoral Council, and thoughts and ideas of its future.  
Mary Jo and EmmaLee suggested to do away with the subcommittees. EmmaLee noted that in essence the subcommittees are intertwined and the purpose of some of the committees is basically the same.  
It was agreed upon by those in attendance that if one is on the Parish Council that consistent attendance needs to be a priority, and if one is unable to attend a meeting to contact the council chairperson.  
The Chairperson of the Council will be responsible for setting up the agenda one week in advance of a meeting, after consultation with the pastor.  
It was also suggested by several in attendance to publish when the Council meetings are so that non-council members may attend if a person has any concerns, etc. and they will be allowed an allotted time to speak.  
The Council would consist of the following: Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Deacons, Director of Evangelization, Parish Administrative Assistant, Director of Music/Liturgy, one representative from Holy Spirit, St. Lawrence, Holy Family, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Joseph, Annunciation, and St. Mary. There would also be two teens. The terms would be 3 year terms that would rotate, and 2 term maximum. A chairperson would be elected every year. The year would be reflective of the fiscal year – July to June. The meetings would be held the first Thursday of the month.

**Closing Prayer** was led by Fr. Peter.

**Next Meeting** will be held Thursday, December 14, 5:30pm, Collison Hall, St. Lawrence.