

St. Columbkille Pastoral Council

Minutes

October 22, 2024

6:30p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ROLL:

Fr. Dave Schatz, Fr Bob Gross, Tracee Wellik, John Hohnecker, Marie Ware, and Nicole Schmidt

Absent: Julie Kruser, Laura Keehner and Connie Palm

OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Fr. Gross has the Council participate in reciting the Third Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. Fr. asked the Council to reflect on the following questions:

1. How do you imagine the day of Pentecost in your mind and heart? What was it like?
2. What has the Rosary meant to you in your life?

Responses to the above questions:

The Catholic School teaching the Rosary to the school children and the students are comfortable learning and reciting the Rosary also using Bible verses to go with each decade of the Rosary;

Felt comfort and peace as reciting the Rosary;

Said Rosary while driving;

Used fingers when a Rosary was not available;

Assists with centering you when you are dealing with a serious nature is taking place;

If you fall asleep reciting the Rosary a guardian angel finishes reciting the Rosary for you;

Memories of a female member of the Church reciting the Rosary; and

Reciting the Rosary every day keep a marriage together and strong.

MINUTES

Council Member Brian O'Donnell moved to approve the Minutes from October 22, 2024; and Finance Council Member Jon Hohnecker seconded the Motion. Motion carried.



The October 22, 2024, Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes; were approved.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

No additions and/or changes are added to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORTS ON VARIOUS PARISH PROJECTS (Fr. Dave and Jon)

School

- Bad soil during the footing process;
- The work order was changed as lighting was missed;
- Building in cabinets instead of movable cabinets (\$87,000);
- Precast cement is scheduled for Thursday and putting up the next level of the walls;
- Precast determines the timeline and this involved a lot of planning, measuring and conversation;
- Had to change up design due to the boom truck is only able to go so far;
- There are four (4) phases of the precast step;
- Can see the vision of the new school and where the design is headings;
- Roof materials are up and unsure of the condition of roof will be determined when the roof and gym and school is being removed;
- Steel is installed;
- Windows on the backside of the school are installed;
- The weather conditions have been favorable in moving this project along;
- The brick work are to be installed at a certain temperature;
- LBT tile for the floor or cover over with LBT but waiting on the costs;
- Each room will have a sink installed; and
- August 1, 2025, is the current deadline.

Fogarty Hall

- All heating and cooling units were replaced due to bad coils;
- Removing water from the walls;
- Asbestos is under the floor and need a ten (10) day permit ;
- New flooring after the elections;
- Painted the room; new lighting; and replaced the windows;
- Countertop and cabinets will be installed on the back wall outside of the kitchen area;
- The television was moved to the back part of the room (as you walk in straight back);
- When you walk in the area straight ahead will have chairs and tables for meetings;

- To the right and just as you walk in will be comfortable chairs and small tables for Bible studies; small group meetings, etc. This is will be discussed in the future; and
- It will be a multipurpose room.

Rectory

- The Council took a tour of the rectory;
- Keri did not have heat and this was addressed;
- Second floor is in process:
 - New flooring;
 - New kitchen;
 - New washer and dryer;
 - New windows;
 - Work room area;
 - The bedroom connects to the laundry room;
 - Guest room is in process;
 - The door is locked for privacy; and
 - Mgr. Miller resides on the second floor.

REVIEW OF THE PARISH PICNIC AND PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR (Fr. Gross)

Parish Picnic

- This year was different due to school project;
- Following the 10:00a.m. Mass on Sunday 80%-95% came to the procession;
- The procession went very well and had great feedback;
- The meal also went very well;
- Volunteers were an issue;
- The event is a fundraising event but could change to a non-fundraising event;
- Move the event to October;
- Take a tour of the school and combine with parish picnic;
- The school has a warming kitchen;
- The school will be handicap accessible;
- Feedback on reconceptualizing the picnic;
- What the should the event become;
- The event was smaller due to laws;
- Joy of Columbkille meal possibly not be a fundraising event;
- Reconsider the date of the picnic, Parish golf outing and Knights of Columbus golf outing are close planned dates;
- There have been issues with bringing items in for golf outings and which one is the items for;
- Combine all three (3) into one Joy of Columbkille;
- Previously Mass was held on the hillside;
- Move to October may be a idea to think about;

- Make it a family friendly event – rejuvenate to bring back picnic and reengage parishioners;
- In the past there were large committees for planning but currently the committee is down to one person;
- Stressful time for Keri;
- Need to discuss the financial standpoint of the picnic and figure out the fundraising component;
- Possibly donate money and a no show event and/or do a collection envelope;
- Coming together to hold this event;
- Joy of Columbkille:
 - Celebrating the Church;
 - Sponsoring; and
 - Campus open house of school, rectory, Fogarty Hall, Presentation Hall; Seminary;
- Convent Suites have been in use since 2004- tour this as well;
- Make the above known to new parishioners as what is available to rent; and
- Main kitchen is in Presentation Hall.

Table the discussion on Joy of Columbkille – school reopening; campus open house; and how to incorporate into Joy of Columbkille.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Parish goals were submitted to the Archdiocese;
- Encounter Christ-Parish Mission -subcommittee
 - Fr. Bob Gross and Marie Ware;
 - Fr. Dave shared people for this committee also;
- Embrace Deeper Faith-Exploring Catechesis of Good Shepherd -subcommittee:
 - Bob Wuebker; and
 - Brian O'Donnell
 - Also Meredith, Jesse Rauen and Serena Fresinger to assist on this subcommittee
 - Ninety (90) hours of training for teachers;
 - Montessori type program (K-5);
 - Adopt in parish -more opportunity for faith formation;
 - Would change Jesse's job drastically;
 - Start the program at the kindergarten level at ground level;
 - The ground level of the convent is the proposed location for this program;
 - All students from grades kindergarten through second grade would be eligible;
 - Children who are members of the St. Columbkille's parish who attend public school would be eligible to attend this program afterschool; and
- Religious education (CCD) is very different.
- Empowering Christian Powers- Welcoming and Hosting Vietnamese Sisters
 - The Sisters are very eager to begin participating in the parish life, including with the school, liturgies and parishioner homes;
 - The Sisters feel very welcomed by the parish;
 - Emily Klauer and Kathy Lundstrom have been tutoring the Sisters; and

- o Niocle Schmidt volunteered to assist with the welcoming of the Sisters.

CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Gross led the Council in the *Glory Be* to end the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Date and time: November 26, 2024, at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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