

Pastoral Council Minutes

October 20, 2022; 6:00 PM – Parlor

Attendees: Russ Schuster, Rich Smail, Traci Snyders, Mark Wiederholt, Ashley Greeley, Charles Mayfield.

Opening Prayer – Scripture Reading – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 18:9-14 (10 minutes); 6:00 PM

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes as written. Unanimous.

Meeting Roles: Timekeeper (Ashley) & Gatekeeper (Traci) (Handout) (10 minutes)

CGS – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Ad Hoc Team (10 minutes)

- Ad Hoc Team Status (Continue?) Team disbanded. Results: recommended Band room, 7th Grade classroom, and expansion of the basement room. The first was chosen and is being used.

Parish Financial Status (10 Minutes)

- How to Increase Revenue? Suggestion to start a Development effort, focusing on 1) Alumni and 2) Wills, bequests, and gifts. Startup money from a recent gift, perhaps for a year or two until Development can be self-sustaining. Develop a draft of Job Description?

Representation Reports (30 minutes)

- School Advisory – Traci Snyder: accreditation with parent interviews; issues in finding substitutes for pre-school teachers; survey results (later)
- Maintenance -Mark Wiederholt: Summary of group surveys (later).
- Finance Committee – Charles Mayfield: doing Stewardship Renewal, results are not in yet. Otherwise, no change from last meeting.
- I-Team/Evangelization – Russ Schuster: Planning “Welcome” Retreat, once a year, with the first this spring. One retreat per year for men, and one for women. The Christmas gift will be the book, *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly to be given away at Christmas. Also, ordered one hundred additional copies of the book, *Life’s Greatest Lesson* by Matthew Kelly to be placed in the Gathering Space. We are offering the “Best Advent Ever” program from Dynamic Catholic. The diocese has printed a leaflet about Evangelization called “Every Catholic a Disciple Maker” which we need to look at and study to see how it fits into what we are doing. More on this later.
- Knights of Columbus – Rick Smail: The parish mission, “Igniting the Fire” was good enough to want to invest in this event again. There will be a “Knights’ Mass” on 11/12/2022 at 5 PM where the K. of C. members do all the volunteering – usher, EMs, acolytes, lectors, etc. Tootsie Rolls will be given away at Hy-Vee and WalMart this weekend. On Nov. 2nd they will lead a carpool to St. Joseph to see the new moving on Mother Teresa. On Oct. 23rd, they will provide the Honor Guard for Confirmation Masses at Conception Jct. and here.
- PTO – Ashley Greeley: The Dinner/Auction is Nov. 19th beginning at 5:30 pm and then moving to The PUB after the dinner and auction. Chief’s tickets, tickets to the British Open, an Electric Bike, and other items will be auctioned. Last year raised \$55k. They are wanting to improve safety through their “Fund a Need program. Locks on doors, cameras, monitors all needed. The PTO has taken on \$13-20k of the parish’s expenses. A gift for volunteer Cindy Bliley, “Trunk or Treat,” a collection for a gift for teachers and staff will be taken up. Survey results forthcoming (later).

Upcoming Events (5 minutes)

- October 23, Confirmation at 1:30 PM Mass with Bishop Johnston
- October 29-30; Blessing for the Child in the Womb at all Masses
- November 5-6; Annual Stewardship Renewal Weekend. First time in a while.
- [Nov. 8: Vote]
- November 19; Back to the 80’s Dinner Auction

Possible Projects – Discussion (5 minutes)

- Need for more space
 - Cafeteria, Playgrounds, Maintenance Shed, Adoration Chapel & Locker Rooms, CGS rooms.
 - Surveys (Results of informal survey of committees): some of the surveys were turned in to Russ who will collate and summarize them. Comments will also be considered, such as getting ball-park estimates of how much this will cost. It was suggested that we address as many needs as possible with one big project rather than doing a lot of little projects that last over a long period of time.

Next Meeting Date

November 17th, 6:00 pm (3rd Thursday of the Month) – Parlor. Russ Schuster will not be able to make it, but will provide data summary of surveys and agenda.

Closing Prayer and end of meeting at 7:02 PM.