

# **Pastoral Council Minutes**

## **March 15, 2023; 6:30PM – Parlor**

**Opening Prayer – Scripture Reading – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Jn 9:1, 6-9,13-17, 34-38 at 6:02 PM.** (10 minutes)

**Attendance:** Russ Schuster, Traci Snyders, Rick Smail, Mark Wiederholt, Charles Mayfield (late)

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – approved without reading** (2 minutes)

**Meeting Roles** Timekeeper (Traci) & Gatekeeper (Rick) (2 minutes)

**Representation Reports** (20 minutes total)

- I-Team/Evangelization – Russ Schuster reported that 1) there are 11 small faith groups totaling about 100 people viewing the video series, “FEARLESS” by Chris Stefanick. 2) Chris Kuhlemeyer has sent out daily “Best Lent Ever” episodes by Matthew Kelly and a series by Jack and Victoria on “Holy Moments” also from Dynamic Catholic. 3) Both school and parish are doing the Rice Bowl program for Lent. 4) Welcom Notecards were put in the missalette holders in the pews in church by Chris K. Response has been good. 5) the free book for Easter to be handed out is “Wisdom of the Saints.” Five hundred will be given out, received from Dynamic Catholic. 6) The Parish Picnic is planned for June 11<sup>th</sup> at Beal Park. 7) Next meeting of the E-Team is Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
- Knights of Columbus – Rick Smail reported that the fish fries have been successful, both in the drive by and the sit in phases. The first two Fridays ran out of fish in spite of adding 30 more lbs of fish. 2) They are showing a movie about Mother Teresa, and 3) there is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification on 4/15.
- PTO – Ashley Greeley reported 1) that Trivia Night was successful, netting ca. 3k. 2) Mommy-Son date night happened. 3) March Madness is underway. 4) Work is going on for Teacher Appreciation Week. 5) Visitation report is due 4/9 and the visitation is 4/28-29. 6) Chris Stefanick is coming to speak at our parish.
- School Advisory – Traci Snyder reported that there was movement of Rachel Hall from Preschool to 1<sup>st</sup> grade and we will need to hire 2 para’s for the Preschool. Wage increase for teachers was discussed, as was the Advisory Board survey results. Fr. Albert expressed his desire to have representatives serve more than one year on the Pastoral Council so as to have continuity on the Council. Traci will continue as the SAB rep next year.
- Finance Committee – Charles Mayfield said that the Finance Committee had not yet met.
- Maintenance -Mark Wiederholt reported that the Maintenance Committee had not met in the interim.

**Pastoral Plan for Deaneries 9, 10 & partial 12** (5 minutes) Russ reported on the Diocesan strategic planning project for the above deaneries – roughly all of NW Missouri above hwy 36 in our diocese excepting St. Joseph. We will need to have a parish meeting to discuss the initial results of the planning committee.

**Permanent Camera and Computer Location to Stream Church Services** (3 minutes) The question is: where to put the camera in our church so as to get the best angle of view while maintaining a simple setup and operation.

**April Pastoral Council Election** (10 minutes)

- Nominees for President and Vice President (Needed for ballots). Next meeting Russ Schuster’s term as President is up. So we need to choose a President and a Vice President to succeed him/her.
- Length of council term. It is suggested that each group or committee represented on the Pastoral Council have one person serve a 2 or 3 year term so as to have some continuity on the Pastoral Council. It is also suggested that if one is serving as President or Vice President, that s/he would be allowed to serve on the Council without representing his/her original committee. For example if his/her term were up, then s/he could continue to be on the Council as President or VP, and the group would elect someone else to represent them on the Council.

**Parish Projects – Discussion** (20 minutes)

- CGS and School Expansion Videos – hopefully the video will be done by next meeting,
- Review Guideline for Building Committee for next meeting. Study attached file “Ap3a”
- Discuss possible members of the Building Committee. Russ will lead discussion on suggested members.
- Discussion – Next Steps

**Upcoming Events** (2 minutes)

- March 27, Lenten Penance Service, 5:30 – 7 PM
- April 9, 2023 – Easter
- April 19, 2023 – Pastoral Meeting to include Election of Officers
- September 13, 2023 – “REBOOT” talk by (Chris Stefanick)

**Next Meeting Date**

- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month) – Parlor

**Closing Prayer:** (Beatitudes - The text of St. Matthew)

The meeting ended at 7:42 PM.