

Pastoral Care Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 1/16/24

Meeting Date:	December 5, 2023	Time:	6:40 - 7:45 p.m.
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Meeting Participants:	Present	Meeting Participants:	Present
Dan Hoffman, Chair	X	Judy Barthel	X
Karen Henningson, PCC PLC Rep.	X	Kari Comnick	X
Deacon Jim Saumweber	X	Susan Lauer	X
Beth Berg, Recorder	X	Janet Savoie	
		Judy Schuelke	X
Fr. James Peterson, visitor	X	Jeanne Stupar	X

Agenda Items	Owner
<u>I. Welcome</u> Dan opened the meeting with a prayer. Fr. James joined the meeting as a visitor.	<i>Dan</i>
<u>II. Approval of October Minutes</u> Deacon Jim requested correction of Mary Ann Petron's name (not Kathy). Judy B. moved to approve, Judy S. seconded	<i>All</i>
<u>III. PLC Update (from Oct. meeting)</u> Pastor's Report Synod- Going forward with small group training on Tuesday evening: 57 members from Latino community, 33 English, 90 in total. Recently attended a priest formation day about the synod process. Administrator's Report Cyber security – all churches are going through an assessment and reviewing necessary requirements. Will allow us to get Cyber Security Insurance. Ministry Area Council Updates: Stewardship Council Reviewed the current Stewardship Campaign (still in the process of creating brochure). Positive feedback on Anne Rodenberg's video. Discussed methods to improve the Ministry Fair and increase participation. Consider second Ministry Fair in the spring. The Council wants to bring back the "Ministry Minutes". Faith Formation Council Youth ministry is building. Spark Nights going well with approx 16 kids. Metanoia (High School Youth Group) has a core group of 6-8 students Finance Council Fall Festival did very well; budget net 74K, actual net 100+K.	<i>Karen</i>

Facilities Council

St. Therese windows and garage doors need replacement. Getting a cost estimate for planning purposes. Primary focus will be replacing garage doors. Window replacement will be an expensive project, may be deferred. TBD

Worship

Altar server party at Flaherty's Bowling, November 11 at 11:30.

Planning to purchase two more columbaria for the Prayer Garden, well in advance of approaching status of being 'sold out' and before price increases at the first of the year. Loading data for new mapping software.

Reviewing Mass changes for Christmas. 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day.

4th Sunday of Advent Masses: Saturday, Dec 23, 5pm Mass; Sunday, December 24: 9am, 11am Spanish Mass (no 7:30 am or 1:00 pm Mass).

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm Church & Gym, 6pm Spanish (church) 6pm English (gym) and 11pm (music beginning at 10pm)

Social Justice

Supported the youth who attended World Youth Day in Portugal. Spiritual highlight of seeing the Pope.

Welcoming members from St. Peter Claver Social Justice Council, 11am Mass, Oct 22. Luncheon in St. Monica room after Mass. Goal - Learn from one another.

Community Life Council

Planning a family event for Saturday, December 2 prior to 5pm Mass. "Birthday Party for Jesus".

Looking for a way to better communicate upcoming events sponsored by Ministry Area Councils (MACs). This could facilitate collaboration between MACs

Latino Leadership

Community has grown, celebration for our Lady of Guadalupe, December 10. Trying to get more volunteer input, divide the workload.

Faith Formation and catechesis – currently 100+ students.

Las Posadas ("The Inns") will celebrate Saturday, December 16 through Sunday, December 24. Commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

School Council

Overall Marathon raised \$60K. Have until Thursday to submit final donations. Donations may be used to supplement furniture/needs for new classrooms.

Reaching out to (non-Catholic) families in regard to learning more about the Catholic faith.

For complete information, see the meeting minutes of the PLC October 17, 2023 Council Meeting

<p><u>IV. Deacon Jim Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memory Care Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled: Thursdays January 11 & March 7, 2024, 1:30 p.m. ○ Goal to create a library of books about dementia/memory loss and caregiving. Have requested donation of books from parishioners. Would like to use \$300-400 from the PCC budget to purchase books. ● Sarah's Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled for December 13 ○ School children will sing Christmas carols ○ Any extra help from PCC members appreciated ● Communion Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need more lay ministers; training some currently ● Sharing Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dallas & Linda Schute and Frank & Mary Ann Petron set up and decorated tree; ornaments with gift card suggestions made by school children. ○ Typically \$12-15,00 in gift cards are collected to be distributed at Christmas and throughout the year. ● Thanksgiving Boxes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 40 boxes distributed - some were picked up and Sandy Cortez delivered others to those in Latino community. ● Cards for Seniors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All agreed that we will again send out cards before Easter. ○ Will discuss age cut off, since some feel 80 is too "young". ○ Would like names of couples to be collated rather than just individual ● Food Shelf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500 lbs of food collected over Thanksgiving ○ Amy keeps a record of pounds/bags of food collected and donated to each food shelf. ○ Now have 2 permanent volunteers to deliver food that alternate weeks (Karen and Bob), plus a back up. ● Sharing and Caring Hands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will discuss the possibility of adding days beyond the 5th Wednesday. 	<p><i>Deacon Jim</i></p>
<p><u>V. Donation Bins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December (12/1-10 date of party): SpREd - Collection of gifts for Christmas party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jon Heyer will sort ● Mid-December - January: Birthright Collection (CCW) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deb Smith coordinating ○ May need assistance with sorting/delivery <p>Agreed on collections for upcoming months: Feb. 2024 Every 3rd Sat. (Homeless Vets) March 2024 Towels and Soap (Easter 3/31) April 2024 Listening House (Toiletries, no clothes) (Deacon Jim later spoke to Tom Kramer, who coordinates the ETS collection, and he preferred April; so collection for Listening House will be in February)</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>

<u>VI. Community Garden Followup</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeanne completed final cleanup of garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Will add compost to soil in spring ◦ Planted garlic ◦ Tools stored at Jeanne's house; tomato cages at Judy B. • Garden 2024 Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Susan will have soil tested by U of M ◦ Susan is enrolled in Master Gardener program • Sign for garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ To be discussed tonight at Facilities Council 	<p><i>Jeanne, Susan</i></p>
<u>VIII. PCC Accomplishments</u> <p>Rick Storms requested that each council submit their top accomplishments of the year to be included in slides at Christmas Masses. Karen and Beth will compile a list and send it to PCC members for approval prior to submitting to Amy Etten.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<u>IX. Other Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed My Starving Children - group from St. O.'s will pack food on Tues. 12/12 	
<u>Next Meeting: January 16, 2024</u>	