

Pastoral Care Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 2/20/24

Meeting Date:	January 16, 2024	Time:	6:40 - 8:00 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	
Beth Berg, Recorder	X	Janet Savoie	X
		Judy Schuelke	
		Jeanne Stupar	

Agenda Items	Owner
<u>I. Welcome</u> Dan opened the meeting with a prayer.	<i>Dan</i>
<u>II. Approval of December Minutes</u> Deacon Jim and Dan pointed out some corrections Judy B. moved to approve, Karen seconded	<i>All</i>
<u>III. Community Life Council Partnership</u> Paul Menge, member of CLC, joined our meeting. A CLC member was attending each of the MAC meetings tonight. CLC Goal: "To strengthen and deepen our relationships with God and each other through community experiences and events." Besides Council Members, the CLC also has Foundation Team members who are involved in helping with organizing and volunteering at events. This is a great opportunity for those who would like to help out as much as they are able. He encouraged us to join! Past and Planned Activities: Selling "Church Merch" Birthday Party for Jesus (December) - about 35 people/8 families attended Parish Mission Hospitality (March) Potluck for Priests (TBD) Family Service Event (2/25 between 9 and 11:00 Masses) - requesting PCC collaboration Metro Meals on Wheels - Decorating bags, placemats and cards; packing care bags. Tying no-sew fleece blankets Welcome to ideas from other councils/individuals	<i>Paul Menge, CLC Rep.</i>

IV. PLC Update (from Dec. meeting)

Karen

Prayer Garden Update and Expansion

Background provided by Lynne Shriver-Sheedy. Discussions for the garden started in 2007. Today 66 earth burial spots are sold and 241 earth spaces are available. 348 of the 440 niches in the St. Monica columbarium are sold. Prayer Garden expenses are very low, because of volunteers that care for the garden. New software was purchased for location verification. There is a sizable perpetual Care Fund for future expenses. The Prayer Garden Committee is requesting approval to purchase another columbarium located on the SW side of the prayer garden. There is enough space for 3-4 more columbaria in the future. Purchase prices went up 10% in 2023 and will go up another 10% in 2024. The time to purchase is now due to price and demand. St. Odilia is the only prayer garden in Shoreview. The PLC approved moving forward with the purchase of an additional columbarium.

Pastor's Report

The Synod Evangelization Team (who went through a 7-week formational series) went through a practical training to form small groups during Lent. There are plans for a Parish Mission this Lent with Father Mike Van Sloan, an ordained priest with the Crosiers. Details to be determined.

Administrator Report

Audit Review of Agreed Upon Procedures has been completed thanks to the hard work of Gail Foote and Kathy Omann. Reviewed Sunday giving procedures.

Faith Formation Council

A new description of the role of the catechists was put on the website. They are working on a resource guide and meeting with the website coordinator.

Finance Council

The Finance Committee has been involved in the decision to increase school tuition in 2024-2025 by 5%. Approved a 5% increase in tuition. Strong teacher retention. AUP audit mid-November went well. Saw nothing out of order. Archdiocese agreed upon procedures. Some concern on end of year contributions.

Stewardship Council

Jean Nickman and Rick Storms attended the Stewardship Council meeting as a resource to discuss the stewardship pledges and financial giving related to school families. 229 school families have not registered with the parish out of the total 429 school families. Although 75 of the families give financially to the parish.

Facilities Council

Leak in A-wing repaired. Fan in boiler room disintegrated, receiving parts soon. May install over Christmas break.

Social Justice Council

Successful council event at Shoreview Community Center with Professor Steward presenting "Understanding Our Neighbor and Ourselves" a conversation on face. Collaborating with other councils.

<p>Community Life Council Successful “Birthday Party for Jesus” event – 17 families attended. Next event might be a potluck with the priests.</p> <p>School Council First parent event was from Elizabeth Carter about raising adolescents. Aiming for two events a year. One of their goals is building opportunities for students to participate in Sunday Masses. Looking for ways to engage 6-8 grade students in Sunday Mass.</p> <p>For complete information, see the meeting minutes of the PLC December 5, 2023 Council Meeting</p>	
<p><u>V. Deacon Jim Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memory Care Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January Mass - Fr. Don Piche officiated; 14 guests, many from other churches ○ Next scheduled: Thursdays March 7, May? 2024, 1:30 p.m. ● Sarah’s Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January lunch - about 90 attendees ○ Next scheduled: February 7 - school children dancing ○ Joe Vitale has donated gift certificates to Little Venetian for door prizes ● Communion Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently offering at 9 senior facilities ○ Scandia Shores has discontinued many services (meals, assistance) and is moving to more independent living; no attendees at recent communion service. ● Sharing Tree <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$16,000 in gift cards collected to be distributed at Christmas (40 families helped) and throughout the year. ● Food Shelf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500# of food collected weekly for several weeks during Christmas season ● Cards for Elder Parishioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All agreed that we will again send out notes during Lent to parishioners over 80 years of age. ○ Deacon Jim has ordered cards; Amy Etten is working on lists (couples combined); Jan will provide suggested text ○ Marcelle Tracey would like to assist; check if others are interested. ● Meal Service Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Money from Charity Fund is used to purchase monthly meals (\$300-500 each location) ○ Sharing and Caring Hands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordinated by Judy Schuelke ■ Consider adding more days (now 5th Wed.) ○ Dorothy Day (Catholic Charities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Food is ordered by Mark Fischer ■ Currently no volunteers preparing/serving - consider starting this again. ○ Family Service Center (CC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Coordinated by Jim Hedeem ■ Monthly dinner 	<p><i>Deacon Jim</i></p>

<u>VI. Donation Bins</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February - Listening House (Toiletries, New clothing only) • March - Towels and Soap (Easter 3/31) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan to sort donations weekly ○ Deacon Jim has a list of agencies that will receive the donations. • April - Every 3rd Sat. (Homeless Vets) 	<i>All</i>
<u>VII. Other Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Storms requested that councils discuss the schedule of the March MAC meeting due to possible conflicts/spring break. Agreed that we will meet on March 19 as regularly scheduled. 	
<u>Next Meeting: February 20, 2024</u>	