

Pastoral Care Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 5/20/25

Meeting Date:	April 15, 2025	Time:	6:40 - 8:00 p.m.
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Meeting Participants:	Present	Meeting Participants:	Present
Dan Hoffman, Chair	X	Judy Barthel	
Karen Henningson, PCC PLC Rep.	X	Eileen Cardwell	X
Deacon Jim Saumweber	X	Kari Cornick	
Beth Berg, Recorder	X	Susan Lauer	
		Janet Savoie	X
		Judy Schuelke	X
		Jeanne Stupar	X
Agenda Items			Owner
<u>I. Welcome</u> Dan opened the meeting. Prayer with other MACs by Fr. James following supper.			<i>Dan</i>
<u>II. Approval of March Minutes</u> Jeanne moved to approve, Karen seconded, all approved			<i>All</i>
<u>III. Faith and Recovery Ministry</u> Support group for people struggling with addictions/attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New ministry at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton • Chris Seiole facilitates with support of parish priests • On Wed. evenings at 6:00 p.m. following 5:30 Mass (Started on Ash Wednesday) • Catholics in Recovery and Calix Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Programs similar to AA 12 step, anonymity ◦ In addition, they incorporate Catholicism and sacraments • Branch out into small groups depending on attachments – alcohol, food, drugs, gambling, purity • Advertising in St. O's bulletin and e-news 			<i>Chris Seiole & Joe</i>
<u>IV. PLC Update (from March meeting)</u> <u>Pastor's Report Fr. James</u> Capital Campaign: now at 44% of our goal. <u>Administrative Report Rick S.</u> Discernment: Start looking now and encouraging people to consider joining a Ministry Area Council. There will be a Sign-Up Genius to help with donuts at the Informational meeting on Sunday, May 4th .			<i>Karen</i>

Finance Council

Jim Weiland from Emmaus Partners came to talk about financial modeling, especially related to refinancing debt from previous capital campaign coming due in May 2025. Will make decision based on need to maintain cash reserves.

Latino Council

Discussed Fall Festival – ideas to divide duties.

Social Justice Council

- Social Justice and REM presented Racial Equity at Christ the King Parish (Fr. Eric is there now) – 50 attendees.
- REM Book Club featured Voices of Rondo. Parishioners have experience living in Rondo and their first-hand experience.
- Ministry for Youth Empowerment – 20 kids involved. Main requests for passports, driver's permits, how to fill out college applications and FAFSA forms.
- Will announce applications for A Just Scholarship.
- Working with Pastoral Care Committee on initiative with Conversations with Friends, which provides detainees with basic needs such as clothing, hygiene items + conversation. Working with PCC to raise funds and direct funds, especially for passport funding for kids.
- Shoreview Human Rights Commission wants to work with Social Justice Council and REM on antiracism presentation.

Worship Council

- Fr. John presenting a Healing Mass on April 21 with Fr. James Livingston of St. Paul's in Ham Lake.
- Fr. John is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion on May 15-18, Thursday - Sunday.

For complete information, see the meeting minutes of the PLC March 19, 2025 Council Meeting

<p><u>V. Deacon Jim Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charity Fund/ Gift Card Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purchased \$4000 in additional food and gas cards. ● Dementia Friendly Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March Mass - 35 attendees plus volunteers ○ Next Mass - Thursday May 22 ● Hospice and home visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many parishioners requiring visits from Deacon Jim and priests ● Blankets made by students donated to Our Lady of Peace Hospice in St. Paul ● Prayer Shawls group have created baptismal shawls for those being baptized and OCIA candidates at Easter Vigil ● Holy Thursday ministers needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oil of the sick - Cathy Garvey will carry 	<p><i>Deacon Jim</i></p>
<p><u>VI. Donation Bins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● April - Soap and Towels (4/17 Holy Thursday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distributed to 4-5 agencies ○ Deacon Jim can handle pick up by agencies on Good Friday and end of month ● May - Veterans/ETS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinated/delivered by Tom Kramer ○ Have an updated request list of clothing and hygiene items ● June - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed possibility of collecting travel sized toiletries for backpacks distributed by "Conversations with Friends" (See X. Collaboration with SJC) 	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><u>VII. Endowment Fund Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications to be discussed at PLC tonight ● Prioritized grant requests submitted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthy brain/memory care specialist speaker/series of presentations (Deacon Jim) - \$3000 2. Donation bin canvas liner replacement (Karen) - \$645 3. Community Garden Fence (Susan) - \$3190 Mark K. is opposed but Karen will present our case at PLC. 4. Small raised garden beds - contingent on fence approval (Susan) - \$300 5. Mental Health speaker (Deacon Jim) - \$1000 ● Courtyard Coffeemaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting to discuss on Wed. 4/16 ○ Karen will represent PCC 	<p><i>All</i></p>

<p><u>VIII. Community Garden</u></p> <p>Core garden team meeting Thursday April 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intention to make Community Garden independent from PCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would still be under the Pastoral Care umbrella. ○ Will be helpful as PCC members on the core garden team leave the council. ○ May also encourage other volunteers who are not interested in being on a MAC. ○ “Garden Guild”? ● Concern about funding and goal to be self funded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rick Storms told Karen that this year we could have \$500 for expenses but will have to seek other funding in future. ○ Jeanne had investigated requesting some funds from SJC through their “Caring for Creation” grant. This was not allowed. ○ Sharing Market free will offering yields about \$150/year ○ Karen suggested requesting a grant from CCW - approved and she will send the request to CCW president Deb Smith. ○ Questioned if some money could be used from Charity or Food Shelf funds since the donated produce benefits those in need. Deacon Jim agreed that some funds could be used. ○ Some remaining funds (\$900?) from 2024-25 Preschool Garden program that can be used until June 30. ● Repair of damaged lattice on garden structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan contacted Vita company and they will provide replacement webbing free of charge ○ We will need to do the actual replacement on the doors and frames. ● Will continue to hold 2 Sharing Markets and donate produce to Ralph Reeder Foodshelf, Every Meal, and St. Therese. 	<p><i>Jeanne, Beth</i></p>
<p><u>IX. Discernment for new MAC members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discernment at May 20 meeting ● 3 members leaving PCC at end of term - Karen, Jan and Judy B. ● Candidates who have expressed interest in discerning: Sheba Fernandez, Carla Gatto, Ramona Michaels ● May 4 - MAC information in courtyard and hosting coffee & donuts 	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><u>X. Collaboration with SJC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request from SJC to support their efforts to help undocumented immigrants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conversation with Friends - meeting with detainees ○ “Dignity Backpack” provided for those who are being deported with basic clothing and essentials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussed possibility of doing a bin collection for travel toiletries ■ Jeanne presented 2 premade bags of specifically requested items. ● Request for PCC to join SJC in proposing that St. Odilia tithe 10% of Sunday giving (both in person and online) during Lent 2026 for Corporal Works of Mercy.- members agreed. 	<p><i>Jeanne</i></p>

<u>XI. Other Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FMSC at Incarnation Lutheran, Shoreview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael Bronk coordinating volunteers ○ St. O. volunteering Th 5/1 12:30-2:30, F 5/2 12:30-2:30 and Sat. 5/3 10-12 	
<u>Next Meeting: May 20, 2025</u>	