

## Pastoral Care Council Meeting Minutes

Approved 4/15/25

Meeting Date:	March 19, 2025	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	Eileen Cardwell	X
Deacon Jim Saumweber	X	Kari Cornick	
Beth Berg, Recorder	X	Susan Lauer	X
		Janet Savoie	X
		Judy Schuelke	X
		Jeanne Stupar	X

Agenda Items	Owner
<b><u>I. Welcome</u></b> Dan opened the meeting with a prayer	<i>Dan</i>
<b><u>II. Approval of February Minutes</u></b> Jan moved to approve, Susan seconded, all approved	<i>All</i>
<b><u>III. PLC Update (from February meeting)</u></b>  <b>Pastor's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital campaign is going well, getting close to 15% of goal</li> <li>- Hoping to reach 800 families by June, have volunteers and need more, the more the merrier!</li> </ul> <b>Administrative Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Endowment Fund Grant requests are due by April 7<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> <b>Finance Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark K. from facilities presented the needs and expected costs, along with timelines and priorities</li> <li>- School received some employer matches. Note that sometimes they'll match for a school but not a church. The parish office can help with paperwork and answer questions.</li> </ul> <b>Latino Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hosted a dinner last Saturday 2/15 "With God and by your hand" with a good turn out of 60 couples. A couple gave testimony and Fr. Scott spoke. It was a success with lots of positive feedback.</li> </ul> <b>Faith Formation Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Totus Tuus June 22-27: need adult volunteers, no training required just need chaperones, grades 1-6 in the mornings (need 8 adults) and 7-12 in the evenings with dinner served (need 1 adult). There is space for 90 kids and 60 tween/teens. Advertisements have started.</li> </ul>	<i>Karen</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OCIA: new structure has been working well, but isn't feasible with the large number of candidates, so will be transitioning to offering 2 sessions each week and participants can choose one to attend. Coordinator of adult formation, Lucas L., is tailoring the curriculum to the parish based on what he's learned so far.</li> <li>- Youth ministry: need more volunteers for the June 7<sup>th</sup> Latino ministry retreat, English speakers are welcome to volunteer to lead small groups.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Justice Council.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Course "This Land is Not Our Own" – Mondays for 8 weeks on Zoom</li> <li>- Newest ministry is for youth empowerment – 9 students have completed the program which addresses topics such as the MN Promise program and how to fill out education planning paperwork</li> </ul> <p><b>Stewardship Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ways to build community: consider name tags at Mass, name tags at all MAC events</li> <li>- Parish census – have heard about difficulties reaching people, could be done at Mass or at another time, interested in helping improve data accuracy for parishioners contact information</li> </ul> <p><b>For complete information, see the meeting minutes of the PLC Feb. 18, 2025 Council Meeting</b></p>	
<p><b><u>IV. Deacon Jim Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sharing Tree Follow-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$16,000 in gift cards received, plus \$10,000 in cash donations</li> <li>○ Already running low due to more requests for assistance</li> <li>○ Will use Charity Fund contributions to purchase more gift cards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Food Shelf Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ralph Reeder \$15,000</li> <li>○ Brother's of Peace \$5,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Dementia Friendly Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday 3/20, 1:30</li> <li>○ PCC members bringing snacks for hospitality</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Notes to Seniors Followup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sent out before Ash Wednesday to 250 parishioners 85+years</li> <li>○ Deacon Jim and PCC members receiving positive feedback</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Senior Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10 facilities visited on Ash Wednesday to distribute ashes</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Blankets made by 4th graders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marcelle will be checking who can use them and make deliveries</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Holy Thursday ministers needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oil of the sick - will ask Cathy Garvey or Jeanne will carry</li> <li>○ Foot washing volunteers - need 6 each Anglo and Latino</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>Deacon Jim</i></p>

## **V. Endowment Fund Grants**

- Applications due to Rick Storms on Monday April 7
- Available Funds:
  - Pastoral Care \$8496
  - Undesignated \$75,000
  - Any MAC can apply for grants from this fund, individually or in collaboration with other councils
- Ideas under discussion:
  - Possible Community Garden expansion?
  - Cross MAC projects with CLC and/or SJC?
  - Donation bin liner cleaning or replacement?
- Remaining 2024-25 Funds:
  - Most of \$1000 grant for Preschool Garden program remaining
    - Purchase seeds, compostable pots?
    - Use for plants and soil amendments?
  - Courtyard Coffeemaker Status
    - Listed as a grant for \$8000 to PCC for 2024-25

*All*

Followup from Karen after PLC meeting:

- Garden -  
I told Rick we would need about \$500 for the garden expenses. He said he would cover expenses this year but we need to think about how to cover it in the future.
- Courtyard Coffee Maker -  
Nothing has been purchased according to Rick. Toward the end of April he will convene a committee to select the best alternative.
- Donation Bins cleaning or replacement --  
Rick said bin replacement could be considered as an endowment project because of the age of the bins. Or if we wanted to buy equipment to clean the bins that could also be under the endowment funds.
- Cross MAC projects.
  - Possible to do another project with Community Life. Example would be another Lent or Advent project under a different name. I could check with Anne to see what projects they might have in mind and if they would need money for it.
  - PCC could work with Social Justice to help pay for passports or licenses. This would fit under the endowment rules according to Rick. Beth Aune at PLC said Phil Aune has some ideas.

<p><b><u>VI. Donation Bins</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March - Agate Housing and Services - Welcome Home Baskets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Assembly/delivery Thursday 4/3 or Friday 4/4</li> <li>◦ Deacon Jim will reserve conference room</li> </ul> </li> <li>• April - Soap and Towels (4/17 Holy Thursday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Switch signs after Agate items cleaned out</li> <li>◦ Distributed to 5-7 agencies</li> <li>◦ May need to sort mid-month or plan on Good Friday</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May - Veterans/ETS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Coordinated by Tom Kramer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><b><u>VII. Lenten Family Service Project Followup</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, March 9 (first Sunday in Lent) - 10-11:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Good time to catch participants as they leave or come to Mass</li> <li>◦ Many adults even without families participated</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Collaboration with CLC; Jeanne and Kari representing PCC</li> <li>• Recipients - residents of nursing and senior facilities where we conduct Communion services</li> <li>• Created 60 bundles containing paper flower, word game book, pen, travel lotion, bookmark, gift tag</li> </ul>	<p><i>Karen &amp; Jeanne</i></p>
<p><b><u>VIII. Community Garden</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core garden team meeting Thursday April 3, 9:30 Bruegger's</li> <li>• Discussed how to fund - use of Endowment grants, free will offerings at Sharing Markets or other?</li> </ul>	<p><i>Susan</i></p>
<p><b><u>IX. Discernment for new MAC members</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discernment at May 20 meeting</li> <li>• 3 members leaving PCC at end of term - Karen, Jan and Judy B.</li> <li>• Need at least 2 new members since Eileen joined last year</li> <li>• Potential new members mentioned - Deb Smith, Sheba Fernandez</li> <li>• Invite or nominate other candidates</li> </ul>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><b><u>X. Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for PCC to support SJC efforts to help undocumented immigrants in St. O. community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jeanne met with Phil Aune, Richard, Steve Kramer</li> <li>◦ Conversation with Friends - meeting with detainees, providing bibles</li> <li>◦ Possible event for parish - speaker/information/collection, similar to that done for Ukraine</li> <li>◦ Backpack provided for those who are being deported, with essentials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Possible to do a bin collection for travel toiletries or clothing?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>Jeanne</i></p>
<p><b><u>Next Meeting: April 15, 2025</u></b></p>	