

STA Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th, 2023 7 PM

Present: Holly Carter; Fr. Kyle Digmann; Scott Law, chair; Ronnie Lindeman; Luke Novak, vice chair; Ryan Schiltz; Joni Ward, Stewardship Committee; Elizabeth Tranel; Peter Orazem, Finance Council; Joe Holub, Faith Formation.

Special Guest – Jean Dirks, Social Justice Committee

Call to order at 7:03 pm with opening prayer led by Luke Novak

Stewardship Report (Joni Ward) – Sunday, November 12th was Stewardship weekend.

- Noted that the Deacons Homily supported the weekend message very well.
- Feedback was very positive from the community about the brochure.

Social Justice Committee (Jean Dirks)

- Reported on success of the Love Your Neighbor Program
- Six (6) interviews are done per week with families eligible to get up to \$400 in aid.
- Individuals and families must be residents of Story County
- Families limited to receiving aid no more than 3 times in a 5-year period (exceptions may be made)

- PC reaffirmed the previously approved increase to the existing tithe for Love Your Neighbor.

Finance Council Update (Peter Orazem)

- Waiting for review of final report on concrete steps and beams.
- October 2023 budget numbers
 - Income decreased by 16K from last year (not sure why, this may be a result of when Homecoming fell this year, in November vs. October)
- Year-to-date revenue is 25K ahead of last year
- Finance is presently waiting for a second estimate on stairs. The present estimate was at 52K.
- Waiting for an estimate for work on Sacristy.
- Meeting on November 29th in a joint Finance and Personnel Committee meeting to review a market study.

Student report

- The Antioch Event was a big hit with 30 retreatants and 30 team members in attendance.
- The last Come Awake had 60 people in attendance.
- Service and Justice had 14 volunteers for Food at First and 12 scheduled for the December 9th.
- 12 Students conducted a multi-lingual Rosary.
- 19 Students have applied to be Peer Ministers this year, up from 8 who applied last year.
- TNL is averaging over 200 attendee's this year.

- Successful “Barn Dance” at the Rustic Rose Barn on Friday, November 10th.
- Greek Night in October had 65 people in attendance and the next one is scheduled to occur at Farmhouse.
- About 125 students are registered for the SEEK Conference
 - _ Fundraising has started.

Pastors report

Attendance Numbers were given for the past three years.

- October '21 – 1187
- October '22 – 1259
- October '23 1463

8:30 am and 10:30 am masses have both seen increases in attendance, with 10:30 mass having increased by nearly 100 people. 7 pm mass has seen an increase of nearly 300 from '21 to present. The increase in attendance contrasts with what is being seen on the national level with church attendance.

Faith formation position search – applicants are coming in with an expectation to hire by new year.

RCI has 8 catechumens with a mixture of students and resident parishioner families.

We are waiting for the direction that our new Archbishop will set as his priorities to inform any changes in our priorities for next year.

Fr. is looking at how we can better engage with our sister parish in Honduras.

- Tim Mooney went in the fall to help build the relationship.
- A letter has been sent to invite 3-5 members of the Honduras parish to come and visit STA.
- Important that we work to maintain a strong relationship since the passing of Deacon John.

Other Business

Holiday Gathering will be on December 12th.

- Normal PC meeting for December will be at 6:30 pm with the party to follow at 7 pm.
- Scott will work with Elizabeth and send out invitations to chairs and co-chairs of the various ministries inviting them.
- All staff will be invited at their staff meeting.
- Asking folks to bring side dishes, PC will provide entrée and drinks. Expecting 25- 30 people, not a business meeting.

January 6 – Stewardship Retreat

- Mary Joe Wolf will lead, the Theme is “A deeper Way to Find God in 2024”
- Expected attendance of 25 people with a sign-up

Meeting ended at 8:05pm

Opening Prayer Schedule

- December 12: Ronnie
- January 9: Dawn
- February 13: Elizabeth
- March 12: Scott
- April 9: Ryan
- May 14: Joni
- June 11: Peter