

St Joseph Catholic Church

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting

June 19, 2024

Present were:

Fr. Brian Eilers (Pastor)	Taylor Schroll	Samantha Shepard
Michael Alexander	Marcel LeJeune	
Matt Rice		

Absent:

Lis Soto (Secretary)	Lorian Dusek	Donna Hanus
Al Flores	Christina Robertson	Anna Damian
Leanne Southerland		

Meeting Minutes

Fr. Brian called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

STAFF UPDATES

School

- Julia Mishler announced her departure as Head of School about two months ago.
- Greg Haas, the elementary school principal, previously announced his departure.
- We are also searching for a new Athletic Director.
 - An interim has been appointed and is doing well.
- The new Head of School is Juan Nagore.
 - Starts on July 1.
- All these changes, create opportunities for positive changes at the school.
- Fall enrollment looks to be up.

Parish Staff

- We have two new youth ministers, Mary Martha Devane, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Sam Seago, Coordinator of Youth Sacramental, who started on June 1st, 2024.
 - The Faith Formation team now includes five staff members.

- Having this function fully staffed creates lots of opportunities for adult and youth faith formation.
- Reeta Grimes and Steve Hodek have left the parish office.
- The church is searching for a new Director of Operations.
 - There are numerous applications and several parishioners with business experience are helping with the search.
 - Interviews are planned for the week of July 8.
- Brian Park resigned.
 - Joe Aubuchon is serving as Liturgy Coordinator and is doing well (he is a trained acolyte.)
- The diocese is also implementing a new and easier payroll system, which may reduce staff time.
- Marcel LeJune suggested a written onboarding process to be developed by the parish.
- Matt Rice suggested the book, The Power of Moments, as a resource for an onboarding process.

PARISH ACTIVITIES UPDATES

Vacation Bible School

- There were 200 kids in attendance.
- 86 volunteers.
- Three baptisms at the closing mass.
- The volunteers were energetic and fun.
- VBS was so big that we will likely move it to the secondary campus next summer.

Middle School Camp

- Three days.
- 12 middle school girls attended daily.
- A big part of the experience was a service project organized completely by the participants.

Parish Festival

- There was noted enthusiasm and participation that was beautiful.
- We promoted Alpha and VBS at the festival.

- \$167,000 raised
 - \$37,000 more than last year.

Foundations

- There are 25 to 28 current participants.

Youth Ministry

- The middle and high school youth evenings will be moved to Sunday night.
 - Wednesday will be used for a “Growing Deeper” session weekly.
- Two full-time youth ministers create lots of options.
- We are working towards some separate male and female faith formation with the youth.

Fr. Joy Adimakkeel

- Fr. Joy will join the parish on July 1.
- He is coming from Dime Box and Lexington.

Young Adult (young married couples) “Supper Club”

- The married couple's “Supper Club” is continuing over the summer.
 - Focusing on fellowship and continuing to know each other.
- The leaders are considering a retreat to transition the next year and create an opportunity to invite new couples.

Hospitality Ministry

- Fr. Brian has presented the basic strategy and ideas to a couple in the parish to possibly lead.
- This ministry is still being prayerfully, considered by all.

First Friday

- Regnum Christi women and Red-C have a booth.

- In July, they received 50 prayer intentions and had several meaningful conversations with attendees at First Friday.
- The council discussed how parishioners participating would be a great opportunity for those who had attended Missionary Discipleship training or had participated in the Door-to-Door Mission the last two years.
- Fr. Brian will send the information to all Pastoral Council members.

Masses at Christ the Good Shepherd

- 5:30 Sunday will move in the fall to coincide with the youth.
- 9:00 and/or 11:00 may have to move based on overflowing attendance. No decision was made on these masses yet.

Closing Prayer led by Father Brian

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wed. July 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Michael Alexander