

Pastoral Council's Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022
APPROVED Minutes

Attendance:

Father Walter, Joe Hinshaw, Jen VanDenEng, Jennifer Otto, Deacon Gary Vanness, Roger Stanley, Ted Zabel, Carl Peterson, Randy Conrad, Chad Rottier, Nikki VanHandel, and Julie Ann Stanz. Excused were: Becky Janssen and Terri Romitti

Opening Prayer – 6:55 p.m. Father Walter led us in the Annunciation of Mary prayer followed by intentions and an Our Father.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve 1) Chad Rottier 2) Jen VanDenEng; unanimous.

Approval of Pastoral Council Minutes from January: Motion to approve 1) Chad Rottier 2) Randy Conrad; unanimous

Pastor's Report: Three people finishing term: Terri Romitti, Jen VanDenEng, and Jen Otto please bring a few nominations to the next meeting.

Old Business

- 1) The parking lot project is scheduled. There is a meeting Tuesday, March 29, to meet with contractors. The cost is up 12% due to the increase in concrete price. Stalls will be put in straight instead of angled. There will be a picture in the bulletin and on a board in St. Therese Room. Date to begin 4/18 tentative of weather. Buildings and grounds committee discussed the following: Looking to have Fast Signs create signage for the comprehensive locations such as the gym and office. Need to change the gym address online due to many people coming to wrong entrance for games. Funerals would like to have entrance be Door 5 only. Door 2 will have the ramp removed and will add power assist on door 5. Doors 2 & 3 need electric strikes. The organ turning is on hold. Mark Hansel is assisting in a new drawing for the organ and front of church change. Gary VerVoort will take care of the rectory dishwasher when he returns from vacation. The snow blower fund is just under \$10,000 in donations. We currently have a donations of about \$10,000 to update the baseball field. Thank you to our very generous donors! Father will call about the window in the cottage. The statue of Mary is being repaired and painted.
- 2) Bob with Verdin Bell Company took measurements of the bells. Getting a proposal ready for review.
- 3) Music ministry has had only one person interested in participating at the Sunday masses. No one qualified to play or there was no interest. Kids fill in at masses on weekend to sing with cantor. During school masses the children cantor but do not play music. Possibly have someone to assist in worship growth and work with the children. They would be like a music guide or coach. Would like to push for kids to join music for adoration.
- 4) Parish member directory is moving forward. Missy Peterson is willing to assist. We are approved for Harman Studio. We previously used Lifetouch but they no longer do parish directories. Joe has an organizational call April 12 to discuss further details.
- 5) Fall Family Fest is still looking for a chair. Peggy Conrad is willing to assist but would like someone to lead. Positions are in the bulletin. We have not had bingo or booyah yet. Possibly fall the night before Family Fest?
- 6) The parish Mission and Strategic Planning Committee will gather at a later date.

New Business

- 1) Review of open council positions was discussed in Pastor's Report

Committee Reports

1) Finance Council – Chad Rottier

Finance approved funds for fire and security projects. Approved the LED lighting to be updated in the school and church. Thank you to Bob Schommer! The last of the Building for the Future of \$44K will be paid off to save on interest expense. Pledges continue to come in to offset the payoff. Finance also provided recommendations for salary and health insurance for the 2022-2023 year.

2) School Advisory – Jen VanDenEng

Jim Newhouse would like to retire from the school advisory committee. Still need suggestions of replacement. Door 5 will have someone to welcome and direct locations during construction of the front parking lot. Insurance premiums will be offered April 15 to May 15 when they will be accepted.

3) New Evangelization – Roger Stanley

Parish Mission went very well! NE Committee and catechists completed book study: “The Biblical Walk Through the Mass” in January. Had great discussion. Would like to offer a book study to parish. RE classes continue until the end of April. There was a mass “walk-through” with First Communion students and parents that went very well. Confirmation is set for May 25 for about 40 people. Confirmands had a retreat led by Spiritus on 2/27. Had great survey replies. Vacation Bible School is meeting with St. Eds to plan for summer classes. Looking at having the similar schedule as last year. Will survey kids and families in NE classes during upcoming registration process regarding events to bring them back to church? The next meeting is 4/4 at 7pm. Looking to see if the NE committee can offer any support, training, or prayer time with the Council or committees at the parish.

4) Worship – Carl Peterson

Stewardship weekend went well. We had a few sign up. Some groups were not promoted. Joe will verify groups and subgroups that were covered.

5) Living Justice – Becky Janssen – No Report (not here)

6) Stewardship -

Possibly have a “booklet” of ministries offered and include a personal narrative. Integrate it when families join the parish at baptism or marriage. Need to have personal invite to get involved in church. Joe put together the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Ash Wednesday. Had middle school students lead to get them involved.

7) Hospitality – Ted Zabel

Will be starting cookies and B’s Brew coffee after masses.

8) Building and Grounds – Randy Conrad

Covered information prior during parking lot project. How do we promote the school better? Possibly look at a brochure, finance packet or enrollment packet to hand out to someone interested?

Moment of Positivity – Sanibel Island in southwest Florida near Ft. Meyer is amazing! Only few hour flight! St. Nicholas will have consecration of Russia and Ukraine to our Lady on Friday, March 25 at 7am at St. Nicholas, Eucharistic Adoration at 11am at St. Nicholas, and 6pm live stream from Our Lady of Good Help.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:45pm

Closing prayer – Hail Mary. St. Nicholas Pray for us

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m. 1) Randy Conrad 2) Jen VanDenEng; Unanimous

Submitted by: Jennifer Otto