

**Pastoral Council's Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
**APPROVED Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Father Robert, Joe Hinshaw, Jennifer Otto, Deacon Gary Vanness, Roger Stanley, Randy Conrad, Terri Romitti, Carl Peterson and Will Van Rossum.

**Opening Prayer** – 7:03 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Need to add Gary to Agenda anywhere. Motion to approve 1) Randy Conrad 2) Will VanRossum; unanimous.

**Approval of Pastoral Council 11/17/22 Parish Minutes** Motion to approve 1) Terry Romitti 2) Will VanRossum; unanimous

**Update on One by One Campaign:** There has been 25% of our \$730k goal raised. Father currently met with 25 families. A reception will be held next week, April 20<sup>th</sup>, for all families. Information was sent out by April 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a 5 year commitment. All pledges go directly to the diocese and 50% will automatically generate back to the parish.

**Update on Strategic Plan:** Next meeting will Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30. Need to focus on music involvement (Youth). Randy will email the hospitality information update for committee. Should have a fundraising subgroup to report to finance. Once budget is set, the “officer” would send information to fundraising groups (Pizza, auction, golf, and countryfest) to set amount “needed”. Will need a committee head.

**Rename Living Justice Committee to Outreach Committee:** We will remove this area for now. Figure out what the areas are. Include clothing with logos at Sunday Socials for sale to promote reaching out. Would like groups to send pictures with write up to Jill to post. Maybe have a contest for people to send in their pictures.

**Discuss Parishioner involvement:** Would like all committee members to reach out to 3 people for a personal invitation to join a committee. NE Team is working on a welcome packet that could include a parish history book, apparel, water bottle, button, magnet will mass times, and a list of what committees we have and involvement. Looking to possibly to a Confirmation gift: certificate, necklace etc. Also a graduation care package: blanket and bible. At the annual meeting it was discussed to cleanse our parish members list to “active” members. Jill will send a list to council to help update.

**Committee Reports**

**1) Finance Council – Will VanRossum**

Discussed the budget format to be more thorough. Reviewed teachers’ contracts and school wages for next year. Reviewed summary of the complete budget. Parish giving for the year is on par. Numbers have been increasing steadily.

**2) School Advisory – Jen Otto**

Went over school safety updates. Science kits have been ordered for the next 3 years thanks to the Fund-A-Need from the auction. Currently 143 students have been registered for next year including 21 in 4K and 18 in kindergarten! Many events coming up for the students including egg hunt, Frankie Moscoto, Fieldtrips, Confessions every quarter, and spring concert. Looking to have more specials next school year.

**3) New Evangelization – Roger Stanley**

Jennifer Jochman is NE Coordinator. Jennifer will take care of curriculum for the youth. Marny Clark is coordinator for adult ministries. Lisa Kater is secretary and doing great! First Reconciliation was on Thursday, 1/5/23. First Eucharist is scheduled for last week of April, first week of May for 35 kids. Confirmation was held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at St. Edwards with a total of 21 kids. Entrust is a Disciple and Mission program through the diocese. Advertise it in the bulletin for people to attend. St.

Nicholas is looking to host in November. The January Ladies Night was a success. The next event will be held on April 13. The Marriage Enrichment Better Together night held two events, Saturday, January 7 and Saturday, March 4. Both events went very well. Will hold next event in the fall. Looking to start a Men's Group in the fall. Few parishioners are interested in setting this up.

**4) Worship – Carl Peterson**

The 1x1 campaign is up and running. Easter week is planned and ready! Stations n Soup has been going over really well!

**5) Living Justice – Removing for now**

**6) Stewardship – Joe Hinshaw**

Stewardship currently has 4 members is looking for about 3 or 4 more. Meet approximately 4x/year. Will have EMHC retraining. Lector retraining will be in April and will discuss the supervision of money. The public school is having a Bell Ringing concert in St. Nicholas church.

**7) Hospitality – Ted Zabel (Randy)**

Social Sundays have been going well. Committees will start the monthly schedule of serving social Sundays. Lectors will have the month of April. On March 26<sup>th</sup> social Sunday will only be held after the 7am mass. Looking to have the NE families hold doors for 4pm mass. Thank you for the Flooring, it worked very well! Approximately 210 people were at the auction in the gym/Fellowship Hall.

**8) Building and Grounds – Randy Conrad**

The old elevator will be decommissioned and turned into a closet. Dan Melvitz will be removing. Currently looking for an area to store the floor covering. Would like to sell stepping stones for out front of church. Will be resurfacing the rear parking lot. Fuzzy Vosters will be putting in a window in the school office for approx. \$1500. Will be opening up the kindergarten room to make one big room to allow for next year's large group. Will put a divider up to allow for smaller class sizes. Randerson Heating is changing filters. The plaster is done in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Thank you!!

**Deacon Gary** – Everything is going well☺

**Pastor's Report** – Would like to have a family mass on Sundays where kids do readings and petitions. Need to touch base with the public school teacher Mrs. Vanderloop to help with mass 1x/mo after spring. Need to increase musicians. Possibly have a praise and worship night.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:45 pm

**Closing prayer**

**Motion to Adjourn** at 8:29 p.m. 1) Randy Conrad 2) Terri Romitti; Unanimous

*Submitted by: Jennifer Otto*