

Pastoral Council's Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022
APPROVED Minutes

Attendance:

Father Robert, Joe Hinshaw, Jennifer Otto, Deacon Gary Vanness, Roger Stanley, Ted Zabel, Randy Conrad, Nikki VanHandel, Becky Janssen, Terri Romitti and Will Van Rossum.

Opening Prayer – 6:47 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve 1) Ted Zabel 2) Randy Conrad; unanimous.

Approval of Pastoral Council 5/19/22 Minutes Motion to approve 1) Randy Conrad 2) Becky Janssen; unanimous

Strategic Planning Process Discussion and Review: Chad Rottier has agreed to continue to head this process. Some member suggestions include: Kristin Romanowicz, Abby Linwood, Jenny Jochman, Will VanRossum, Randy Conrad, Jen Otto, Ted Zabel, Terry Romitti, Gary Vanness, and Nikki VanHandel. Will give a good representation of committee, school and church members. An email will be sent to see who can commit to help update our current outdated plan. Dates of meeting will be determined.

Review of Council Positions and reassign liaisons: We are in need of 2 more members. Seth Ponschock and Eric Smurawa were suggested and will be contacted to see if they are willing to join. Once we determine all members and realign committees, we will then assign the liaisons.

Old Business

- 1) **Parking lot project** is complete. Will check with company to see if we seal in a year. The patching is done in the rear lot. Near the cemetery is complete.
- 2) **Music Ministry** Looking to improve the music ministry. Start with the new music teacher we are sharing with St. Eds. Worship Committee discussed repairs and refurbishing the organ. Quotes for restoring the pipes and organ was over 300K. Would like to get an updated quote. Discussion then began with the One to One Campaign. Our parish needs to raise \$738,000 over a 5 year planning. The money can go towards new boiler system, endowment fund, tuition assistant, safety goals, building improvements, employee checks, and other goals.
- 3) **Directory/Photo Album** – Photos went very well. The August photos are now available. There were approx. 240 families that took pictures.
- 4) **Fall Family Fest** planning is underway. Terry Romitti pulled together a committee including Peggy Conrad, Carl and Rachel Peterson, Jill Cropsey, Carla Zellmer and Kim Reggert. They will have about 80 G of Chicken Booyah available for sale. Selling \$4/bowl and \$25/Gallon. Will have games, food, caramel apples, chuck a duck, and bingo available. Please sign up to volunteer that day!

Committee Reports

1) **Finance Council – Will VanRossum**

Combined the savings account to one. Discussed the One By One Campaign. Watched a video. The school audit is going very well. Looking to have cleaner finance statements.

2) **School Advisory – Jen Otto**

Welcome to Kelly Oudenhoven as a new SAC member. Still did not have a gym teacher. As of Monday, they will not have a 7th grade teacher anymore. The library walls are up and almost ready to paint and has officially been named the “Joyce Smudde Memorial Library.” Discussed a crisis plan to complete and discuss with public schools. Will be getting radios for open communication in crisis situation. Worked on a list for safety updates including many new cameras. The ping pong room can just be boarded up instead of having doors. In the process of getting a state grant.

3) New Evangelization – Roger Stanley

Had an interview for NE position but no offer has been made yet. They did not hold any meetings in the summer. The next meeting will be in October. Currently Jenny and Lisa are covering the 1st Communion and Confirmation classes. There are about 225 enrolled for 1-12 grade classes. 8 are registered for the home based classes.

4) Worship – Carl Peterson

Father would like to revamp the committee to designate what the committee scope should look like. There are currently 6 members. They discussed the Stations of the Cross painting and making the sure the floors are getting cleaned.

5) Living Justice – Becky Janssen

The 3 current members do not want to take over committee chair. Heather is done with her term but would still like to continue the infant burials. Would like direction on what the committee and subcommittees do.

6) Stewardship – Joe Hinshaw

Peggy will start up Coffee and Donuts Sundays. Would like to have a different parish committee serve each month beginning in Oct or Nov. Looking to do a comprehensive ministry booklet with pictures and quotes. Joe is also looking to have videos online to explain the different ministries on the website. The middle school involvement has been improving. They held a summer book club that was enjoyed and are looking to do one this winter as well. Our next Blood Drive will be November 7th. Becky Janssen will be our new coordinator. Blood drives are held 2x/year. She will help promote the drive and schedule donors.

7) Hospitality – Ted Zabel

Need more people on the committee.

8) Building and Grounds – Randy Conrad

The library is done. Windows are backordered for the 5th grade classroom. Baseball field is done. Ice skating rink is filled and seeded. Church is not being cleaned. Looking for volunteers to help with this. Victoria is done the end of the month. Maybe we could pay students to clean or use it as service hours? Need to add cameras to dead spots near doors 2, 3, 4, and 11. The safety film on the doors and windows cost \$250/door/window. Maybe we can use part of the grant money for this? The boilers are currently working but are 50 years old. Need to look into new boilers. Door 3 was wide open a Saturday evening till early hours of the morning Sunday. Good Samaritan closed it and let council member know.

Pastor's Report – The next meeting is joint with finance committee. October 20 will be our Annual Meeting at 6pm. Need to start discussion the strategy of the One by One Campaign.

Moment of Positivity – Becky is our new Blood Drive Coordinator! Thanks Becky! Will's former football coach just found out he has no more cancer! Thank you GOD!

Abby will update the preliminary school budget in November.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Pastoral/Finance Council meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at **6:30 pm**

Closing prayer – Gary ended with a prayer.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:43 p.m. 1) Randy Conrad 2) Ted Zabel; Unanimous

Submitted by: Jennifer Otto