

Pastoral Council Meeting

April 2, 2019 Minutes

Present: Rev. Jazdzewski, Chris Woodford, Becky Adamski-Krische, Elaine Carlson, Laura Miller, and Kris Miller. Terry Allen and Matt Krische were excused.

The meeting was called to order by Chris Woodford on April 2, 2019, at 7:07 PM. Rev. Jazdzewski read the Fifth Sunday in Lent's Gospel and lead the prayer to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes/notes from the March meeting were approved as written. Minutes will be emailed and approved by email, so they can be posted online in a timely manner.

Committee Updates:

Education Committee: Meeting was rescheduled.

Family Life: Kris Miller reported on the meeting held tonight.

- Parish's 20th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for July 13, following 4:00pm Mass. Lazy Monk will be venue. Time: [4:00pm (set up)] 5:00pm until 8:30. Food can be brought in. Beverages must be purchased on site. About 20 beverage purchases will cover cost of room. Food trucks may be available for food. Contract being finalized now.
- Rectory Dinners. Rev. does not have a coordinator. Will revisit in the future but a tentative plan is to start with dinners sometime in the fall or for Advent of 2019. The hope is to foster new relationships among parishioners.
- Becky and Laura will meet with Myrthe soon to discuss LifeTouch and parish directory. Plans are to have pictures taken this fall and publish in 2020. Updating parish database will be a welcome result.

Community Concerns Committee: Elaine Carlson reported. They met on March 18.

- Project to update the parish brochure and/or info spot on website with volunteer opportunities, descriptions of volunteer roles & commitments, contact people, etc. is in the works. The general parish brochure was briefly reviewed and will be built upon. The plan is to provide more detailed info online and in office, in effort to increase volunteer involvement and especially for new members.
- Feed My People Weekend Kids' Meals is still short funds to complete the parish's commitment. Ways to raise more donations were discussed: "adoption" of student(s); consideration must be made for donor fatigue—may need to adjust the parish's level of commitment to this & other programs. Could the parish use a Parish Faith Night or community service hours to pack meals.
- In efforts to increase volunteer involvement in parish & community activities, maybe once a month or so, a "Witness of the Weekend" could share his/her personal volunteer experiences. Could be different people at each Mass. Could print a short article in the bulleting. Both Community Table and Beacon House need volunteers.
- Stewardship Fair should be organized for this year.

Sacred Worship: No report given. Plans for Easter season are ongoing.

Finance Council: Rev. reported:

FC now meets the first Tuesday of each month, before the PC.

Looking at the budget for the upcoming fiscal year;

Considering promoting online scrip purchasing for parishioners & increasing automatic contributions;

Exploring ways to generate more revenue and reduce costs/expenses;

Rooming House idea, as well as other options, is being considered by diocesan priest panel. By the end of the week, Rev. should have a response from them, which will give us more direction;

Gary Ida is head of Building & Grounds Committee.

Hearing & Feeling: Spirits were high after the St. Patrick's Day Celebration: food & beer sold out; event was well attended. Todd Gustafson has agreed to take over Head Chef duties for future SP Days; raised about \$3000.

Old Business:

-Consolidating Masses: Reasons for/against were discussed: increased sense of community; feeling of more people attending; change isn't always bad; would help with numbers of volunteers needed; closer proximity of people to each other during services/ruffled feathers; hurt feelings; inequities in number of Masses at each site; could lose parishioners... What would fewer Masses look like? Various scenarios of Mass times were proposed, but always with intentions of considering feelings and tradition. There is a desire to give testimony to the parish regarding the benefits and positive results of such changes.

New Business:

-Rev. reported on Rebuilt. 21 people were invited to participate. 14-15 are meeting on Monday evenings for 10 sessions. Staff is reading through the material also.

-The future of the St. Patrick Church screen was discussed. Currently, the frame is stored in the garage & the panels are in the boys' locker room in the gym. There is a chance the screen could be used or displayed or stored in some way by UWEC but they do not want to purchase it at this time. Would the Chippewa Valley museum want all or part of it? Would scrapping it for money for the parish be a good use of it now? Several local options are being explored and researched.

Ideas for future agendas: Please e-mail them to Chris Woodford.

The meeting ended at 9:30 PM with prayer led by Rev. Jazdzewski.

Next Meeting: May 7 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myrthe McCarthy.