

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2021

Present – Peggy Hawley, Sue Erickson, Renee Manders, Carrie Stammer, Peggy Blank, Dottie Borowski, Bonny Meacham.

Peggy Hawley called the meeting to order at 6:33pm and Sue Erickson led us in prayer.

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Dottie Borowski made a motion to approve the minutes and Renee Manders seconded it.

Old Business was first on the agenda for the evening.

- Know Your Faith - all is going well. There are 4 lessons left. Fr. Girotti will be coming to Sacred Heart at 7:15pm on May 24th to conclude the program.
- Live Your Faith - dates are not confirmed yet but we are aiming for starting after January 1st.
- Reminder - webinar with the Bishop is next Tuesday, May 11th at 6pm.
- Family Enrichment Day update - planning continues to go well. Fr. Zach Weber and Fr. Aadam Bradley are being contacted as well as members of the Spiritus team to firm up our schedule of speakers. A bulletin announcement will be made to ask for support from parishioners' local businesses to cater food for lunch for this day. A request was made to let the pastoral council know when more help is needed as we get closer to the event.
- Fr. Norm Krutzik gift - we still have several options to consider. It was revealed at the joint council meeting that a separate donation has been made to pay for the sanctuary railing. Please prayerfully consider the following ideas instead and any others that come to mind. This discussion will be tabled until our next meeting.
 - Ten Commandments/Beatitudes statue (Where is the best location for this? Does the parking lot option allow for enough green space around it?)
 - Scholarship option (Could we give an 8th grader a scholarship to Xavier? Could we give a graduating senior a scholarship to college? Could we give someone a scholarship to attend the seminary?)
- Council nominations/elections - 3 people participated in the informational meeting last evening. Sue Erickson will be on the ballot for Secretary Trustee (Linda Muench has declined). Renee Manders and Peggy Hawley will renew their terms. Bonny Meacham will consider it. We are in need of one more pastoral council member. Bonny Meacham will reach out to Joanne Smoldich, Renee Manders will call Amy and Luke Menchl, and Sue Erickson will contact Lori Jensen and Andrew Henry to gauge interest. Bill Overesch has agreed to be on the finance council and Marge Jahnke is not sure yet. Voting will take place before Memorial Day weekend.
- Faith Formation exit interviews - Laura Savoie will send the list to Renee Manders to help call families who have not returned to Faith Formation this year to find out why. We are interested in reaching out to these families as well as those who have had weddings and baptisms these past 2 years. We would also like to personally invite these families to our Family Enrichment Day. We hope to see at least 50% of these people at this event on October 9th.

- After our Enrichment Day, we have several other ideas to consider pursuing regarding youth involvement in the parish and Faith Formation:
 - family dinners - inviting family and attending family cook together
 - youth ministry - prayerfully consider hiring a youth minister as a long-term goal to plan themed nights to engage our middle school students and teenagers

After finishing with the Old Business we then moved onto the New Business.

- Diocesan Stewardship committee - Dottie Borowski referenced pg. 26 of the Pastoral letter from the Bishop regarding the goal to enliven the parishes, engage the parishioners, and be responsive to the call to holiness. This committee will have a quarterly meeting but it is still in the formation stage. Dottie Borowski will represent Sacred Heart (as well as anyone else who is interested). Please call her with any other recommendations of people from any of the other parishes in the Diocese to be a part of this committee.
- One by One campaign - we are tabling this to our next meeting, but we need to come up with our recommendation of what we'd like to see as our goal for spending our portion of the money raised. Please review the handout from Bruce Siebers from our joint meeting with his recommendations, as something technology-related seems appropriate.

As Father John Katamba wasn't present at the meeting, the Pastor's Report was skipped.

Renee Manders led us in a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

- Upcoming dates to remember:
 - May 11th, 2021 - webinar with Bishop Ricken
 - June 3rd, 2021 - Pastoral council meeting
 - June 24th, 2021 - One by One campaign meeting

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Stammer