



Committee Mission - Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will do God's Will by fulfilling our parish mission.

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Pastoral Council

October 13, 2022~ 6:30-8:00 pm ~ The Narthex

Attendees: Fr. Jim, Michelle Malone, Bob Charles, Tim McAllister, Becky Bond, Sarah Wulf, Sara Thomson, Mary Hanson, Gary Lockstein

Absentees: Diana Ball, Ashley Redmond, Kathy Caelwaerts, Eric Nelson, Michelle Nowak

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted (range)
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Prayer	Bob Charles	3 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval September, 2022 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becky Bond motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Bob Charles seconded. Minutes approved. 	All	1 minute
<input type="checkbox"/> Parish Staff updates from Ruth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new member luncheon will be held in the Narthex after 10:00 mass on October 30th. Deacon Manny has agreed to give a church tour to new members. Ruth wanted to include one or two members of the council to attend the luncheon. Diana has agreed to attend. If anyone would like to come, please let Diana and Ruth know. Mary Hanson offered to attend. Sarah W. mentioned only the new members RSVP for this event. Faith Formation is introducing teaching and mass nights. Please join the faith formation families once a month to learn more about why we do what we do during mass and then participate in the most beautiful prayer. Information and dates are listed in the bulletin, starting October 19th. <p>BlessFest update from Sarah Wulf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BlessFest took in \$23,114 NET Councils and committees took ownership of different areas. The Knights of Columbus took ownership of the food tent. 	Michelle M, Sarah W	10 minutes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The racetrack was a big success. A suggestion was made to relocate the track for next year. The volunteers that worked the track did an excellent job. The track took in approximately \$500.00 and was a lot of fun. • A suggestion was made to expand the children’s area and add more games. • A suggestion was made to add games that attendees compete against each other. Minute to Win It, potato sack race, pie eating contest. dunk tank, etc. • Plan to have the same band come back next year. • A microphone would be beneficial for making announcements. • The silent auction took in approximately \$4,000. • The wine pull took in approximately \$2,400. • Suggestions on how to improve the silent auction included adding smaller items to bid on. Smaller items my increase participation. Staff members prefer that committees donate items to the silent auction verses having to solicit items from local businesses. • The food tent took in approximately \$3,000. A suggestion was made that we should raise prices. Feedback received was that our prices were low. Prices should remain affordable yet still profitable. • A suggestion was made to pre sell tickets for food and games. The goal would be to reduce the amount of time spent standing in line. • The finance council will be exploring ways to control and manage taking in money. • Bingo took in very little money. Participation was good. Discussions were made to relocate Bingo to the school gym or commons for next year. During the Pastoral Council meeting Bob Charles suggested we should charge more to play and offer cash prizes. <p>Community Thanksgiving Dinner Update from Sarah Wulf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for this year Thanksgiving dinner are going well. Several people are volunteering to help with carry out, curb side pick-up and delivery and taking reservations. • There are “champions” that have been put in charge of each area. Sarah meets with each of these “champions” • The parish is getting the word out into the community. Some ways in which this is happening or has already been implemented are word of mouth, placing ads in the compass, Facebook, press times, house of hope, and flyers. • People need to RVSP a week before the dinner. • Last year 80 people were served. This year a cap is set at 150 people but no one will be turned away. 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Parish Verification Follow-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah shared the below document which outlined the parish verification follow up. 	Sarah Wulf	15 minutes

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PARISH VERIFICATION FOLLOW UP



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Topic
<p>INTENTION OF COVENANT FOLLOW UP Accompany them on their spiritual journey and meet them where they are at. A very pastoral approach almost in line with being a spiritual director of sorts. All of this while encouraging and setting some expectations.</p>
<p>SCHOOL FAMILIES - 125</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pray with them (Holy Spirit Prayer) 2. Check in – “how’s it going since we last met” 3. Review covenant however appropriate 4. Encouragement as needed 5. Pray with them – ask for intentions/ask them to pray for the parish 6. We will be doing an annual “moment of reflection” and a covenant will be completed each year.
<p>FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES – 167</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up meetings with each family to discuss covenant 2. Could be done during Faith Formation Classes 3. Determine cost per student for FF class 4. We will be doing an annual “moment of reflection” and a covenant will be completed each year.
<p>PARISH FAMILIES – 219</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal email <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Invite them to meet with someone b. Highlight upcoming events that may interest them c. Include survey of sorts for input 2. Encourage them to reply back 3. Do we want to do this annually?????
<p>PARISH VERIFICATION TEAM Kelly Williams – Becky Bond – Cheryl Yursis – Ruth Holloway – Jenn Garcia – Mary Hanson – Katie Westhoven - ???</p>
<p>NEXT STEPS/TIMELINE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pull Team together - November 2. Develop plan for each group - December 3. Create Script - December 4. Enlist Callers (school moms, pastoral council, staff, ???) – December/January 5. School Families – January/February/March 6. FF Families – February/March/April 7. Parish Families – January/February

- Sarah emphasized this verification follow up all starts with prayer and that we want to allow the holy spirit to work.
- Families fall into one of three groups: 1. School families. 2. Faith formation families 3. Parish families.
- The cost to put a child through faith formation is approximately \$500.00.
- The mission is to have annual verification follow ups.
- There are 2050 registered families.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>COT (Campus Optimization Team), Village of Howard Proposed Trail, Annual Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Jim received a letter from the Village of Howard Administrator, Paul Evert. The Village is requesting access to construct a trail 	Fr. Jim	15 minutes
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	<p>along the south end of the parish property that would ultimately connect the Meadow Brook trail system to the Mountain Bay Trail. All cost of this trail would be covered by the Village and would include bridges suitable for service vehicles. Fr. Jim showed the PC a map of the proposed location of the trail provided by the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion was had regarding some of the pro and cons of the trail. • Fr. Jim requested a vote to see who was in favor of allowing the village to construct this trail on parish property. Gary L. made a motion to allow the village to construct the trail and Michelle M 2nd the motion. All were in favor. • Some people have expressed interest in making donations to the redevelopment of the church forest. <p>COT Past 3 meetings have been focused on the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the most recent COT meeting was on the heritage church. • Discussions centered on the existing library, offices, and commons. Some work in the basement was also being considered. • The band is isolated to the heritage church. The basement of the heritage church needs work. The kitchen has been removed to make room for the new furnaces. Consideration is being made to moving the band downstairs and repurpose the upstairs. The upstairs doesn't need much work. • Mary H. asked if the rooms in the basement are being used. Fr. Jim said that the rooms are being used primarily for AA. Consideration is being made to removing two of the four rooms. The middle is unused space. • The downstairs may be completely redesigned. • Bat droppings continue to be found by our maintenance crew. • Michelle asked what the next project was they are focusing on. TBD - Fr Jim said there would be a town hall meeting to discuss. Construction costs are 40 percent higher. Plans are being redesigned. We could see a significant project take place in 2023. People need to be kept in the loop. • Sarah W said people are waiting to see what happens and may still be open to giving. • Mary H. suggested selling bricks to raise funds. • The annual meeting will be held on Nov 5th after 4:30 mass. Pizza will be served. There will be 1000 copies of the annual report printed. Cost of printing is once again covered by a parish member. PC members are encouraged to attend. 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Parish Mission Plan (PMP) – Overview of 11/10/22 Liaison Chair Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky Bond is working with Sarah Wulf and Diana to get an updated version of the PMP and questionnaire out to the PC and committee chairs. • Committee chairs will be invited to attend the November 10th PC meeting. This will be a working meeting on how to incorporate the PMP into each committee ministry. 	Becky	30 Minutes

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☐	October 30 th Pancake/Porkie Breakfast sign up and roles, Misc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year's pancake and porkie breakfast will be held on 10/23. Please sign up to volunteer if you haven't already. • Help is still needed in setting up and taking down. • The juice and milk have been ordered. • There will be sugar free syrup available. • The ministry fair is going on at the same time. • Sarah Wulf suggested handing punch cards out to people attending the ministry fair. If you get each ministry to punch your card you will get an entry into a drawing for a prize. 	Michelle, All	10 Minutes
☐	Kerygma – Gospel reading, Luke 18:1-8	Mary Hanson	3 minutes
☐	Closing Prayer	Bob Charles	3 minutes

Next Meeting

November 10, 2022 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 ~ Narthex

Other Information

Minutes submitted by Tim McAllister

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