



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

St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Council

October 10, 2024 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm ~ Narthex

Attendees: Diana Ball, Aaron Kramer, Jill Guernsey, Maria Hanstedt, Joe Hickman, Lianne Jones, Tom Komp, Michelle Malone, Eric Nelson, Ken Brzozowski

Unable to Attend: Fr. Jim, Becky Bond

Guests:

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted (range)
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Prayer	Jill	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction of new PC member Ken Brzozowski is our newest member. He and his wife have been married for over 50 yrs. They moved to this area from Traverse City MI. He has a management and teaching background and he is currently a tour guide at the Packer stadium. At the parish he is involved with the Knights of Columbus, Parish Council and just joined the Social Concerns committee.	Diana	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval of Parish Council September 2024 minutes • Jill Guernsey motioned to approve the September 2024 minutes and Michelle Malone seconded. Minutes approved.	All	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastors Report: • Fr Jim was at the Clergy Congress Mon-Wed and is now on vacation.	Diana	5 mins

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following update was provided by Bill Wulf. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cemetery Chapel roof – complete ○ Blacktop sealing - complete ○ School remodel 99% completed - a few punch list items remain. ○ Memorial trail - complete – the first set of bricks are at the engravers now and should be done by end of the month ○ Calvary project – done for 2024 – more landscaping to happen in Spring 2025 ○ New Street Signage – the Village has approved the proposed signs, pricing should be received on 10/10/24 ○ Shell sconce lighting - complete ○ Narthex day chapel lighting project - complete ○ Gym ventilation project - complete 		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Parish Staff Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews for the bookkeeping position and for Ashley’s position should be happening next week. 	Diana	5 mins
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Growing Forward: PMP Open discussion on committee meetings, explain initiatives, Passion to Action review</p> <p>Upcoming committee meetings the council members will be attending to discuss the PMP, learn what the committees do, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lianne/Tom – Catholic Women on 10/10/24 • Aaron/Jill - Forerunners on 10/17/24 • Joe/Maria – Social Concerns on 10/17/24 • Michelle/Eric – Worship on 10/22/24 • Ken/Diana – New Member on 10/29/24 <p>Per Fr. Jim’s email: Trust the Holy Spirit at work in his church and in the heart of all members. We do this together! The holy spirit will be inspiring action on this plan soon, and indeed already has in some areas.</p> <p>If you are asked a question you are unable to answer, respond with: I’m not sure but the Holy Spirit will reveal the next steps. Do you feel a passion or interest in any areas? Trust the Holy Spirit and be a part of the next steps.</p> <p><u>Questions from the Parish Council members</u> What was the process to get to the goals? The process the staff went through was done in the most beautiful, organic, and Holy Spirit way. At the time the info was being pulled together, the staff recognized how important it was to bridge the school and the parish. The goal document is used as a tool to help the lay person and the Parish Council understand what the goals and initiatives are. In the past, some committees were working on items that didn’t always align with the parish goals. This document is parish wide, and all committees were involved with it.</p>	All	30 mins

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	<p>When they meet with the committees, how do they respond if they are asked a question they can't respond to? Refer to Fr. Jim's comment about trusting in the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>What is happening with the Passion to Action items? Fr. Jim will be working on getting the passion to action groups organized and working on items. These groups will report back to the council. At the parish staff retreat next week, they will be discussing passion to action. The council will get an update at the November meeting.</p> <p>What is the purpose of having the Parish Council members attend the committee meetings? In the past there was one Parish Council liaison per committee. The liaison would attend the committee meetings and then report out at the council meetings. There was nothing integrated that had to do with the PMP. The focus at that time was with the committee chairs versus the entire committee. A pause was put on the liaison role while we worked on this process with goals and passion to action. We are at a point where we want the council members to team up and attend the committee meetings. The message is we are here to be your partner with the PMP and we will work with them. What it will look like will be different for every committee. The committee chair may be comfortable enough to help move it forward or they may want to work together.</p> <p>The Parish Council is saying we are going to guide you even though they are on a committee with passion for what they want to do. Do they really need guidance then? This could be the perception the committees have. The challenge for the Parish Council has been we have met with the committee chairs, reviewed what the committees have been doing and lined the items up against the plan. We think the issue is the PMP/goals weren't communicated to the committee members. So last year we invited the entire committee to attend the meeting. Our role as a council is to implement the parish mission plan.</p> <p>Do the committees know about the PMP? Yes, they should as they were all invited to participate in it. Keep in mind not all committees came to the meeting. When you reach out to the committee chair, feel free to use the example email Diana sent that shared info re: what we are doing. Part of this is the Parish Council getting to know what they do. We want to establish and build a relationship with the committees.</p> <p>Was the PMP presented to the parish? Yes, after it was finalized it was presented at masses, it was in the bulletin and presented at the parish annual meeting. The parish staff leadership team acknowledged they need to share it again. Diana will share with the parish staff that the council feels it needs to be shared again in the near future.</p> <p>When you attend the committee meeting, get to know who the people are and have them introduce themselves and tell you about what they do. Start with building a rapport and then tell them why you are there.</p>		
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Growing Forward: PMP- committee update on Catholic Women</p> <p>Lianne/Tom attended the Catholic Women committee meeting. They provided an update on the process they followed and on how it went.</p> <p>Lianne spoke with the Catholic Women committee president (Mary Lynn) ahead of time. She was able to provide Lianne a list of the organizations/nonprofits the committee donates to on an annual basis along with a list of what the committee does.</p> <p>Lianne/Tom met a week prior to the committee meeting to discuss and come up with a game plan.</p> <p>The Catholic Women's committee is a large group. There were approx 25-30 women at the meeting. Lianne is part of this committee.</p> <p>Before entering the meeting, Lianne/Tom prayed together. They were both concerned it would come across as telling them versus partnering with them so they went out of their way to not present it that way.</p> <p>The message they shared with the committee is everything they are doing falls in line with the PMP. The challenge Lianne/Tom had was to relay the message of we are here to help with what they are already doing. They explained how the things they are doing align with the PMP goals. They asked them to use the PMP as a compass to make sure what they do continues to align with the goals that we as a parish have chosen.</p> <p>Lianne brought up the sticker exercise so if any of them attended any of those meetings, they could relate and understand they were part of creating the goals.</p> <p>Tom related the four goals into these simple words: teaching, fundraising, helping, evangelizing.</p> <p>Since the Catholic Woman's meeting is at the same time as the Parish Council meeting, how will that work for them? The Catholic Woman's committee gave the impression they want Lianne/Tom there so they will need to figure something out. Possibly take turns attending each month.</p> <p>Lianne/Tom felt it was well received and people were able to connect to what they were saying.</p> <p>Suggestion was for committees to share with the Parish what they are doing as many probably aren't aware. Possibly a ministry fair. A ministry fair was done in the past but not all committees participated. As a council we need to lift up/publicize what they are doing. It is a way of honoring them. Every group is asked to sponsor coffee/rolls and to share</p>	<p>Lianne, Tom</p>	<p>15 mins</p>
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	<p>what they do. This is only on Sunday mornings so the Saturday mass group misses it. This topic will be tabled for future discussion.</p> <p>Council members can approach the committee meeting how they feel comfortable. You can ask for a list of what they do ahead of time or wait to gather the information during the meeting.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Pre-planning for our first joint committee meeting in November: Forerunners</p> <p>Jan 9 is our regular Parish Council meeting date. Fr Jim did confirm that is when the all committee meeting will be held. A save the date will be sent this week. The Parish Council will plan for that meeting at our Nov meeting.</p> <p>The Forerunners will be invited to the 11/14/24 Parish Council meeting. They will be asked to talk about their successes and what they are working on.</p> <p>Aaron/Jill will do a personal invite when they meet with them next week.</p>	All	15 mins
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Miscellaneous – Share your personal committee/group involvement in addition to a Parish Council member</p> <p>Aaron – Teaches 4th grade Faith Formation (his 5th yr), Usher, Lector</p> <p>Joe – Eucharistic Minister, That Man is You, CRHP</p> <p>Eric – Lecturing</p> <p>Marie – Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Living Waters Choir</p> <p>Ken – Blessfest committee member, Social Concerns, Knights of Columbus</p> <p>Michelle – Walking with Purpose, Forerunners, Eucharistic Minister, Prayer Ministry</p> <p>Kathy – Thanksgiving Dinner committee member, take minutes for the Parish Council</p> <p>Jill – Mentoring confirmation classes, chaperoned young adults</p> <p>Tom – Lector, Mentor for confirmation yr 1 and yr 3, Men’s Choir, Worship Committee, Liturgy service with Eucharist at New Perspective Senior Living, Mission trip</p> <p>Lianne – Walking with Purpose, Forerunners, Catholic Women, Prayer Ministry, Eucharistic Minister</p> <p>Diana – Teaches sacrament prep for 2nd grade, Usher</p> <p>Diana distributed the new liturgical calendar.</p>	All	10 mins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Closing Prayer	Jill	1 min

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Next Meeting

November 14, 2024~ Narthex 6:30-8:00 pm

Other Information

Minutes submitted by Kathy Caelwaerts

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