

Minutes – Pastoral Council Meeting of Thursday, October 24, 2024

Members present: Deacon Jeff, Barb Rueckl, Donell Bonetti, Emily Heeler, Phyllis John, Deb Bos, Doug Wichman, Tammy Malach (FYI rep), Rob Rivera

Members absent: Jennifer Mahoney, Discipleship rep

1. Opening Prayer – Emily Heeler
2. Calendar/Information Items (Barb)
 - a. Floor Plan: hard copy was given to each member as a reference for committee work; this way, room locations may be clearer/better known
 - b. One-by-One – quick review (Dcn. Jeff)
 - o Going well so far; the real intent was/is to get those who haven't contributed to make a pledge.
 - o We are paying about \$14K in interest per month; but, we have to remember that the pledges will be coming in over a 5 year period, which will then go to paying off the loan's principle, which will be outstanding for the next 5 years.
 - o All the money that we are raising via the Dollar a Day Campaign (and One by One Campaign) is going toward the building fund; the diocese is just a vehicle to handle the donations.
 - o There will be a thermometer in the bulletin each week; Deacon Jeff will also speak about the remaining amount each week at Mass too.
 - o Some parish members who pledged to pay over 5 years are not getting a reminder/invoice from the diocese. The diocese is a bit behind on these mailings.
 - Discussion over how we can make another push in 6 months or so...such as paying the balance of what was pledged (paying in full now vs. over 5 years); required minimum distribution for retired folks, etc. Deacon Jeff will talk with Kathy about some possibilities.
 - c. RE on Wednesday nights: has been much, much better with the new space; it's much more conducive to learning with a quieter environment
 - d. Reminder – QR Code – Finance Council will update as they move forward
3. Calendar/Action Items (Barb)
 - e. Pastoral Council will receive updates on the following items from Kathy Pelnar as they become available: apparel location, consumables (inventory, usage, etc) and continued decorating. These are projects that she is working on and organizing. She has a small team of parish members who are helping in these areas.
 - f. Pastoral Council February 2025 meeting: topic will be dedicated to verbiage for Constitution; please review your committee's section in the document that was given to you. (see further info below, line item 7k)
4. Liturgical Year Theme: (Barb)
 - c. 2024-2025 – “Eucharist: Do This in Remembrance of Me”
 - d. 2025-2026 – “Eucharist: Taste and See”
 - o Eucharist was added back in before each of the themes.

5. Updates

e. Babysitting Ministry (Barb)

- o A decision was made to use the Bl Carlo Acutis Room in the lower level, which also doubles as the teen room; the space will be more appropriate for children of all ages; there's also a refrigerator in that room; restrooms are close; the walls will eventually have murals for children too; it's really a Youth Room

f. Young Adult Ministry (Jennifer Mahoney); no updates

g. Revised meeting schedule (Barb)

- o 3rd Thursday of each month = Finance Council meeting; 4th Thursday of each month = Pastoral Council meeting; remaining Thursdays are for committee meetings; please let the office & Dcn. Jeff know if your committee is meeting during another day of the week (on rare occasions, please)

h. Revised Pastoral Council Meeting Format – effective January 2025 (Barb)

- o At the beginning of the PC meeting, each committee should be prepared to give a 3-5 minute update on their committee

i. Organizational chart (Donell and Barb): Draft click [HERE](#) (middle part needs revision; too congested); put on board and hang vs. “permanent” vinyl in the Welcome Area; Donell will continue to work with Kathy on putting this into final copy form.

6. Previously Tabled Items

j. [Spotlight explanation](#), discussion and implementation – see prototype attached (Barb, Donell and attendees)

- o Discuss with your committee which month you would like to be spotlighted. We will circle back to this topic to further organize at our next PC meeting.
- o We would also like to include the ministry spotlights, in addition to the committee spotlights.

7. New Items

k. Constitution revisions, changes, verbiage (Barb)

- o Discuss with your committee the verbiage in the Constitution as it relates to your committee; the wording in the Annual Report should be consistent with the Constitution (the committee's purpose in particular)

8. Future items

l. Parish-wide event suggestions (Barb, Donell, attendees)

- o First weekend in May=Walk to Mary (possibly)
- o New member dinner in mid-May (possibly)
- o Newly married couples: partner them with a mentor couple from the parish? (Marriage Mentor Couples)

m. Strategic Planning Session (All Committee Workshop in February 22 at the Parish Center? @ 9am-noon) - Begin discussion at Nov/Dec meeting (Barb and Donell); please mark your calendar for this date and time; location will be confirmed later

n. Enhancements to tributes to our military (Barb)--a parish member asked about honoring veterans

- o We already have a Mass on Memorial Day weekend for veterans
- o After Nov. 11 each year, the following weekend, we have a blessing at Mass

Next meeting: Thursday, November 21 @ 6:30pm (no meeting in December)

9. Closing prayer – “St. Michael the Archangel” prayer (all)

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