

Pastoral Council Minutes

April 24, 2023

Opening prayer was led by Bernadette Shaffo.

Meeting called to order by Ruth Schaudt at 6:10pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Fr. Rolando Silva, Paul Bennett, Ruth Schaudt, Bernadette Shaffo, Baylee Lijewski and Greg Hamel (Finance Council Liaison). Not enough members present for a quorum.

Excused Absence: Magnus Wilson, Fred Albrecht, Kathy Talaske. Rosemary Patterson, John Taratuta did not get the email of the date change.

FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZATION

Father shared with us the fact that faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is declining so the U.S. Bishops have made these next years for "Eucharistic Revival" in our churches. The Diocese has encouraged parishes to have a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, June 11 (Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ). Father indicated that this is not a new thing. It was a common event on the Solemnity in parishes all over the Americas and the world. In many other countries it has continued annually. To help kindle again, a deep belief of the True Presence in the Eucharist, these processions will happen all over the diocese. The procession will help make Christ visible to the public. Father also shared that when the priest holds the monstrance with a humeral veil it is an indication that he becomes a veiled (invisible and silent) vessel so that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament gives in Person the blessing, called a benediction. From a hand-out, Father gave a summary of what will take place and tips for the faithful in participating in the procession.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Coffee and doughnuts were canceled for April and May due to the dates landing on Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. The school children/parents will not be available to volunteer over the summer so Magnus sent out an email to organizations of the parish to get them to host the coffee and donuts over the summer. The St. Ignatius Prayer Meeting members have agreed to host on June 11. The Rosary Society will not be able to do any summer months but have volunteered to host in October. We need hosts for July 9 & August 13.
2. Father stated that the matching grant fund campaign for the school was successful. We met the goal for the matching grant fund and the hope is that the collection of funds would continue. Progress towards a "Stewardship Parish" has gone forward for the school but there has been very little response for ongoing parish funds. We need to strive for a "Stewardship Parish" including BOTH the school and the parish. Father will present this to the Finance Council at the next meeting.
3. The Wild Goose Mission will begin this Tuesday, April 25 and there are 20 people registered for it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Greg Hamel from the Finance Council reported that the light & fans project in the church has been approved and will 7-17-2023.
2. Greg Hamel will also bring to the Finance Council the topic of the necessity of honoring diocesan standards for wages and salaries of church and school staff. The council considers this necessary for the competitive recruitment, compensation, and retention of personnel, commensurate with their seniority, position skills, and experience.

3. We discussed the Eucharistic Processional at the beginning of the meeting during our formation time with Father Rolando.
4. Paul Bennett informed the council that there was a potential problem with the back speakers in the church. He asked if he could get Graham Lapp who has training in sound systems to take a look at it to see if there is a problem and if possible, to fix it. Father Rolando agreed.
5. Ruth Schaudt inquired if there was any feedback or going forward with the suggestions from the volunteers of the Synod we had last year. Father said no except the Life in the Spirit (Wild Goose) Seminars. Ruth stated her discouragement when she spoke with people about the Liturgy of the Word for Children in our parish. She was told it would not work in our parish. After a little discussion, she was given names of people at the diocese to contact about having it in our parish and how to go about it.

Future meeting dates/prayer leaders:

July 17, 2023 – Prayer Led by Baylee Lijewski

October 16, 2023 – Prayer Led by Ruth Schaudt

January 8, 2024

April 15, 2024

July 15, 2024

October 7, 2024

Closing prayer led by Bernadette Shafto.

Paul made a motion to close the meeting, Ruth seconded. Motion carried @ 6:52 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Bernadette Shafto, Parish Secretary *(in the absence of PC secretary)*