

## Pastoral Council Minutes

July 18, 2022

Opening prayer was led by Kathy Talaske asking for His help to listen, pray and to use our gifts wisely and responsibly.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Fr. Rolando Silva, Magnus Wilson, Fred Albrecht, Paul Bennett, Baylee Lijewski, Rosemary Patterson, Ruth Schaudt, Kathy Talaske, and Bernadette Shafto. (No Financial Council Rep attended)

New members were introduced. Other prayer requests were made known. Minutes read. Paul Bennett moved to accept the minutes as read, Rosemary seconded. Motion carried.

### **FORMATION FOR EVANGELIZATION**

The Council viewed a short Knights of Columbus video as a good way to start Eucharistic discussion and to call us back to understanding what it truly is. We find strength with Jesus Christ truly present there. Our human words struggle to express the complete wholeness of the Eucharist. This video is a great vehicle for starting conversation with a balance of the message, music and emotions. We should focus on beginning a re-introduction of the Eucharist; a returned sacrifice for our spiritual nourishment because, unfortunately, many Catholics don't believe in the real presence or perform an unworthy reception of the host. All people need to think and act like Jesus Christ, receive worthily, and to make moral and physical efforts to be in communion with Jesus Christ.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bi-weekly Monday prayer meetings still occur with praise and worship in the sanctuary along with Thursday's formal Adoration time.

Coffee and doughnuts will continue to be offered every second Sunday of the month if volunteers commit.

Alpha session dates will be September 13-November 8 at the Rogers City Senior Center as we hope to gain better 'outside' reception. Promotion will begin, banner will be put up and words of wisdom shared via personal testimony at school registration, newspaper, posters around town, and blurbs on Facebook and St. Ignatius website. Fall volunteers and seasoned veterans will be welcomed to help handle small groups and to recruit guests. An organizational meeting July 25 @ 6 will occur but so far, Bernadette will chair registration, Rosemary volunteered for hospitality, and Baylee volunteered for childcare. A good point of view is to consider who is God in our lives and why we should take time to get to know Him. The Alpha site will have weekly topics posted.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No liaison to convey a Finance Council report.

What is a Stewardship Parish? While we focus on God and the church, it involves a constant cycle of faith formation and a never-ending dynamic process where people give unconditionally – not just when convenient – as we are entrusted to care for what God has

given us. We need to portray that 'Catholic' is not a 9-5/M-F dedication but rather an allegiance to support our Catholic faith as necessary as breathing.

Roundtable discussion and plans for implementation of visions from the July 5 all-parish meeting include generating an interest in our efforts beyond Pastoral Council and to sign up people to join our initiative. The spreadsheet shows areas of interest so now each small group should meet to get organized and to start the ball rolling as there is a slow, but growing, interest to be funneled, activated and to help create a social network within the church.

#### How can we encourage growth?

~Alpha may help parents get to know Jesus Christ better because without parents, we lose. (BELONG. BELIEVE. BEHAVE.) Mass may seem irrelevant to parents; there are always cultural distractions (job, sports, not living the Catholic faith) but we need to welcome them and make them feel like they belong.

~How can we help reinforce parents with what the children are getting? Fred wants to interact with staff and will approach 1:1 to gain insight and lead a group to assist staff and eventually parents. (What are your time constraints? Why are you missing Mass? Are there problems at Mass? What don't you like about the St. Ignatius community?)

~Maybe we can develop a mandatory Parent Engagement Survey to get an idea of their expectations of the school and allow parents to give hearty and constructive feedback.

~Perhaps we could create a school liaison committee or adopt a child to take to church if parents cannot. PTG (Parent-Teacher Guild) exists in the school and is very functional, organizational and encourages varied activities (educational outlooks, sports, groups like Science Olympiad and support Harbor Nights.)

~We need to encourage an active connection between school people and church people.

~Ruth would like to encourage a children's liturgy and asked if the diocese has a program they use. She found something on Amazon for \$150. She has plans to get a committee together to grow this effort for use on Sundays.

~Eventually, another small group we would like to encourage a Catholic Book Club.

~We need to put out a request in the bulletin for people who could assist with social media.

~Perhaps we could place a welcome message in the pews and potentially man a 'welcome' table in the back of church for people to inquire about the church and/or school functions.

Future meeting dates/prayer leaders: October 17, 2022 ~ Baylee, January 9, 2023 ~ Paul  
April 24, 2023 ~ \_\_\_\_\_, July 17, 2023~ \_\_\_\_\_

In the closing prayer, Kathy asked for forgiveness when we miss opportunities to share the Word or worry about what other people may think of us if we do. We want to be more like Jesus and put our trust in you.

Ruth made a motion to close the meeting, Baylee seconded. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,  
Kathy Talaske, secretary