

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Present: Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Father Dillon, Sue Croce, Yolande Eldridge, , Debra Falvey, Jill Kennelly, Bob Keiser, Thom Duffy, Betty Jane Schiller, Gianne Amter

Absent: Bill White, Elizabeth Kozarec, Carol McCormick, Greer Roerner

Meeting began at 5:05 with an opening prayer from Father Dillon. Minutes approved by all.

Father Dillon: Ash Wednesday was very well attended. The first Stations of the Cross had about 50 attendees. First Reconciliation is March 12, 2023. The Saint Joseph Medal will be awarded on March 19, 2023, at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The First Communion Mass will be April 23, 2023. The Youth Choir has many new members. Emily conducted a rehearsal with the Youth Choir. The Knights of Columbus are hosting the fish fry dinners every Friday during Lent. There is a dispensation on Saint Patrick's Day but parishioners are encouraged to give meat up one other day during the week. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway. There are two separate campaigns. The Forward With Faith campaign for the parish will be rolled out for everyone. This is different from The Archbishop's Appeal Campaign. Long term we are looking into erecting a columbarium at the cemetery.

Fran Wainer: The columbarium will need building and zoning permits. A tree would have to be removed with a new entrance way. We have five years in order to complete this. The children's book drive ends on February 28, 2023. It was mentioned that the bulletin is rather full with many events and advertising. The security cameras are now operational. The winter packs for Abraham's Tent response was great. They expected 12 packs but received 75.

Youth Representatives: Fundraising is now underway for the Italy trip. The coat collection resulted in many more coats than were expected. The Easter plant sale will be in front of the church which will fundraise for the Italy trip.

Betty Jane: The sub committee has been meeting regularly on the Ministry Handbook. Updates were received from Deb, Jill & Fran. Yolande & Jody are following up with their assigned ministries. There will be a photo on the cover but it needs updating. The layout will be 6 X 9. Deb will look into the pricing information. The sub committee is meeting again on March 3rd for additional follow up and planning.

Yolande: The theme is "All are Welcome" and we will hand out the ministry handbooks along with the magnets that state, "Come Home Again." 750 magnets have been ordered. The magnets will be the same size as the ESCA magnet. It was mentioned that some cars don't have metal to stick to the magnet. We are planning on getting the handbook and magnet out in the spring to parishioners. The plan is to have them at the church entrances and have the ushers hand them out. The handbook will be digital as well for those parishioners who don't want paper versions.

New business: Deb mentioned an ice cream social before school gets out for the summer. This would be held after the 10:30 am. mass and the council can serve the ice cream. Deb brought up the "Buy a Brick" program for the church as a fundraiser. The library is doing it and the installation is very smooth. It was suggested to sell the bricks for \$100 per brick. We would have to redo the sidewalks out front in order to add the bricks. A standard brick is .72 cents plus installation. Thom offered to reach out to the Archdiocese about combining the brick campaign with the Forward with Faith campaign. Deb had another idea for preschool to 2nd grade, "Jesus in Jammies". The peer ministers could read 2 bible stories to the children plus a half hour of arts & crafts. Proposal is to hold once in spring and once in the fall, 6 - 7 pm on a Friday night. Deb will work on a flier for the council. The banner out front needs new poles with a more readable sign. Any signage must be approved by the historical society. The copper on the St. George statue is oxidizing. Oxidization preserves the statue. Our April council meeting has been changed to be April 16, 2023. There will be a lottery for the council in April. We need to ascertain whose terms are expiring. Yolande thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

Adjournment at 6:30 pm with a closing prayer led by Father Dillon.

Submitted by Jody Fay, Secretary