

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2023

Present: Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Yolande Eldridge, Debra Falvey, Bob Keiser, Greer Koerner, Betty Jane Schiller, Sue Croce, Jeri Perkins, Bill White, Carol McCormick, Thom Duffy, Nancy Talalas, Valerie Campanelli
Absent: Father Dillon

The meeting began at 5:39 pm with an opening prayer from Fran. After some minor revisions, May, 2023 minutes were approved by all.

Yolande: All welcomed our new parish council members: Jeri Perkins, Valerie Campanelli and Nancy Talalas. Each person gave a brief biography of themselves along with some great ideas for the council going forward. All thanked Carol McCormick for her service to the council and thanked our Youth Representatives Matt Celloto, Gabe Mongelli and Gianna Amter. A reminder to council members to send Fran a headshot photo for the website. Discussion ensued about highlighting a Pastoral Council member each month in the bulletin. The proposed calendar dates and times for next year were discussed and will be subject to Father's approval. Meeting time was approved for 4:30 PM.

Fran Wainer: Father Dillon got a cortisone shot in his knee and is walking better. Unfortunately, he is not able to go on the Italy trip due to extensive walking required. Father Mendoza is going and there are 21 high school students and 5 chaperones. The men's group Pasta Dinner was on June 10, 2023 and had about 90 people attending. Parish Office summer hours as of June 16th will be 9 a.m to 1 pm and closed on Fridays. CCD classes were discussed and ways to ensure safety for the children when they get picked up. We will be discussing this more at the September meeting. CCD times may be changing, and volunteers are needed. CCD is from 3:30 pm to 5:45 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays. All voted in favor of changing our council meeting times to commence at 4:30 pm.

Betty Jane: Stewardship Handbook is tabled for now. Jody will draft a permission form and send it to Father Dillon, Fran, Yolande & Betty Jane.

Thom: The finance council is working on new ways to make donations. The Forward With Faith campaign is having a fall rollout. The goal is to have more regional programming with a Youth Minister which would be a paid position solely focusing on the 18 to 35 year old parishioner demographic.

ALL: September new projects. Getting the council more visibility was discussed. Pins to wear at mass were discussed. All voted in favor of purchasing the same. Lunch for the elderly was proposed, possibly in September. Jody, as chair of Elder Ministry, will investigate this. Nancy mentioned having a rosary in the peace garden. The youth are our future, and we need to have more social events and youth activities. Val mentioned that conducting interfaith ministry and activities would be helpful. Yolande quoted, "Small ripples make tidal waves", and not to be concerned about starting small and building our reach. A veteran's ministry was mentioned possibly in conjunction with APK. Concerns addressed would be housing, mental health, and elder abuse.

New business: Officer Elections: President – Yolande Eldridge; Vice President - Greer Koerner & Secretary – Jody Fay

Our Next Meeting is September 24, 2023 at 4:30 pm

Adjournment at 6:44 pm with a closing prayer led by Fran. The Council enjoyed a shared dinner with one another as a closing celebration of the year's work.