

Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2024

Present: Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Debra Falvey, Greer Koerner, Betty Jane Schiller, Sue Croce, Jeri Perkins, Izzy Torello, Elizabeth Kozarec, Jill Kennelly, Bob Keiser, Valerie Campanelli

Absent: Thom Duffy, Fran Wainer, Nancy Talalas

The meeting began at 4:31 pm with an opening prayer from Father Dillon. The minutes from November 2023 were approved by all.

Yolande: The parish council pins are in! Please wear your pin to mass and greet people at the door when they arrive.

Izzy/Youth Representative: There are a lot of students wanting to be peer ministers. Great attendance at the Trinita Retreats. There are two more confirmation classes in February and March. Izzy and Claire Nichols will write something up about the retreats for the bulletin.

Father Dillon: Sergio (Youth Rep) started a multi-cultural awareness group and there is a February 1st diversity celebration at the high school. Everyone was encouraged to support this new group. Christmas Masses went well and the church looked beautiful. There was an overflow for the 4 pm mass in the hall. First Reconciliation is next month, and February 14th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be available all day and there will be four masses. We need volunteers to give out ashes. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday. There will also be children's stations. Confessions are the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm. April 20th is confirmation, and first communion is at the end of April. A vote was conducted to change the meeting time for the council immediately following the 10:30 am. Mass. The motion was approved unanimously. The St. Joseph Medal is being given to Noreen Walbern on March 10th at the Cathedral.

Deb: The GO RED dinner, sponsored by the Pastoral Council is underway. We need volunteers to help set up and clean up. We need 40 people minimum to attend. Tickets are \$20 and available after masses via check or cash. The ticket price includes a wonderful meal with dessert. BYOB is the protocol. A guest cardiologist will present a brief informative session during dessert followed by a question-and-answer period. Betty Jane will decorate the tables and have table games. Ideas are welcome. Greer is numbering the tickets. There is no cancellation date in case of bad weather. Tickets will be sold in the foyers after the masses and will be available at the church office. Jeri and Peter are handling the food. Volunteers selling tickets are encouraged to wear red. The cutoff for buying tickets will be February 21, 2024.

Adjournment at 5:32 pm with a closing prayer led by Father.

A short presentation on Lego workshop possibilities was presented by Greer, following the close of the meeting. Her ideas were enthusiastically supported by the council. It was suggested we pursue the idea of these workshops. Thank you, Greer, for your presentation!

Our next meeting is February 24, 2024 after the 10:30 am mass.