

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: September 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

## In Attendance

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Andrew Boyd, Samantha Hough, Jeremy Thompson, Vanessa Pribil, Kellie Siemieniak, Grant Carruthers, Spencer Oliva, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon Phillip Thompson, Lorraine Ptacek, Angela Howard, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood

Absent: Jenna Vallette, Mary Marich

Guests: Todd and Barb Phillipe, Steve Colgan

Prayer: Deacon Phillip Thompson opened the meeting with a prayer and Deacon John closed the meeting with a prayer.

## Pastoral Council

### Commission/Committee Updates

#### Worship

Holy Ringers and Singers begins next week. We have three possible new cantors. The new camera is on the way to livestream Mass. A question of whether we should keep the organ was raised, it was determined that we will wait for the new bishop to give input. Ethan H. played the trumpet at Mass. We are hoping this encourages other young instrumentalists to play as well.

#### Stewardship

Wine and Cheese is on Saturday, 9/21, at 6 PM.

#### Discipleship

The next meeting will be November 7th. Classes are underway for the year.

#### Evangelization

We met once and the members are helping with the Rescue Project. 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory will be ordered and given to the parish. It was suggested that Carole Brown be contacted about presenting on evangelization for Wisdom Wednesday. A portion of the budget was used to purchase the Consecration to St. Joseph books, later this year the women of the parish will be encouraged to participate in a Consecration as well. We will have some Advent specific studies this year.

#### Administration

The dishwasher has been installed. A plumber came and repaired the plumbing under the main sink in the kitchen. The roof has been replaced. The sheet rock repair and the painting of the Narthex and Church are underway.

### **Building Committee**

The building committee will be replacing the weather stripping for the exterior doors. They are also working toward repairing the beam with the sheet rock issues. Thermostat covers will be installed to decrease temperature fluctuations due to human error. It was noted that cupboards were removed from the kitchen due to the new dishwasher. It was decided that Lorinda Collings and the Catholic Daughters will work during Christmas break to go through the basement and weed out unusable items to create an organized space. Pews in the Church have been adjusted to allow for more handicapped spaces. Additionally, the Altar servers will sit in the first pew directly across from the president's chair. Exit signs will be added to St. Joseph's Hall. The water fountain downstairs cannot be repaired and therefore will be replaced. We are waiting on the bid from the plumber.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

OLBH has met our expected goal, but overall only 55% of the Catholic Build goal has been met. There will likely be another ask during Advent.

### **Mission Meals**

For over 10 years the parishioners of OLBH have been preparing and serving a meal at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission. Todd and Barb Phillipe, and Steve Colgan came to speak about the changes at the Mission and whether the meals should proceed. OLBH has provided a meal one night per month. This was done by three groups rotating each quarter and included purchasing groceries, cooking, and serving the meal. Since COVID, the Mission has preferred to receive the groceries and not to have outside groups cook the meals. As of July 1st Cornerstone is no longer allowing people off of the street to eat, only those 50 people in residence. Thus, it was asked whether the ministry should continue or should its members be redirected toward things like the PV Food Pantry and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The ministry is no longer fulfilling the original intent to feed the hungry. It was discussed and decided a better utilization of resources would be to shift the focus to the more local community also in need of funds and help. Steve will create a write up for the bulletin.

### **Upcoming Events**

The Ordination of Bishop Bullock will be on 9/23.

The funeral for Fr. Dan will be on 9/19. The parish has been asked to help with a luncheon for a room of 60 people.

The second full weekend of each month will have a birthday blessing for children at the end of Mass.

### **New Business**

No information was brought forward.

### **Next Meeting Date**

October 10, 2024

All meetings are an open door invitation to anyone in the parish. All meetings are at 6 PM in St.

Joseph's Hall. If you have an item you would like to see on the agenda please contact Katie in the office.