

The meeting of the Pastoral Council was called to order by Chair, Carlo Mascari on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Members present:	Kurt Bardele
Pastor: Fr. Mark Payne	Krystal Burke
Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Assisi	Diane Detampel
Chair Person: Carlo Mascari	Natascha Nill
Vice Chair Person: Martha Perez	Jerry Nance
Secretary: Steven Gastreich	Paul Estante
TRUSTEE SECRETARY: Cheryl Vossinkel	Excused: Trustee Treasurer: Timothy Gensler

The October 1st meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Mark was pleased with the attendance of the October 28th collaboration meeting between the Pastoral Councils of St. Margaret Mary and Blessed Savior. He will assist as needed moving forward, but would like to see the groups continue to meet independently to learn more about the parishes and brainstorm ways to collaborate wherever possible like a multi-cultural dinner. Currently, it looks as though the best time to meet would be once the holidays have passed. The next meeting would be held at St. Margaret Mary and alternate between locations. Lastly, Fr. Mark asked that these collaborative meetings go into the current Strategic Plan.

Fr. Mark noted that a group called the Christ Child Society is wishing to use some of our space for their work. This is a group much like St.

Vincent de Paul, that helps families in need. Fr. Mark wants the Pastoral Council to discern whether or not their use of our facilities would be feasible. The parish would still support St. Vincent de Paul like always. This proposal is merely to give the Christ Child Society a place to do their work. This discussion can continue at the December 3rd meeting.

New Business

Cheryl Vosswinkel and Tim Gensler hosted listening sessions to answer questions about the budget. This was the weekend after the budget was presented to the parish. Nobody stayed to take advantage of this opportunity.

Martha raised the concern that not everyone has been able to request the Sacred Heart image with other families getting to it first. It was discussed that there be a sign-up sheet before mass. Whoever gets to the sign-up sheet first will take the image home for that week. Fr. Mark or Fr. Francis will announce who will be taking the image home. Cheryl said the goal is to have the image enthroned in homes permanently. On another note, Martha said that there are rosaries available for anyone who wants one. This will be announced at mass.

Carlo reminded Council Members to read and sign the Archdiocese Code of Conduct.

Natascha brought up a German Tradition in which priests offer a prayer and a blessed sticker. With this, parishioners are able to then bless their own houses. Fr. Mark is open to the idea of having a service where the prayer is prayed, along with information on how those who wish to, can bless their own houses. Fr. Mark is thinking that there would need to be about 300 copies of the prayer for the number of families in the parish. This will be discussed further.

Diane mentioned that Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on December 4th, 11th and 18th. Cheryl said they need volunteers who can be trained on how to open and close everything in a prayerful manner. She is hoping that Pastoral Council Members come forward for this. Then, Tony would schedule a time for training before the December 4th.

Diane said that Joe continually is working on technology issues. He cleaned up a lot of wiring in Sampon Hall. An old VHS player that is not being used, will go into storage for now. Joe is looking for microphones that can be turned on and off and feels we should stay away from those that are always on.

Martha revisited the topic of having different ministries present what they do and what their needs are. This would be done just before the end of Mass. Ministries like Children's Liturgy of the Word should have top priority, as they need another volunteer. Since there will be training for Servers after the Sunday, November 16th Mass, it was decided that someone from that ministry give the speech for that week. As an alternative, Fr. Mark is willing to make the announcements with information about the specified ministry being shown on the video screen.

Kurt asked about the state of the safety plan. Cheryl would like help going over resources, and is still trying to get input from experts. Fr. Mark said that a Safety Committee can be started to take these issues further.

Cheryl said the asbestos in the gym basement has been removed.

There will be a book study next May with more information to come.

Cheryl and Tony are still working on a new Parish Directory. She needs the liaisons to grant their permission for her to publish their email addresses.

Fr. Mark approved having a plaque on the gym floor to honor Nancy Bonesho.

Kurt brought up the idea of asking Neal to come into our collaboration meetings with Blessed Savior to provide guidance with Marketing. It was decided to let the meetings happen first and then bring Neal in next Fall when things are more firmed up.

Cheryl said that there will be sign-up sheets for couples and/or families to process in with the Advent Candle during each of the 4 weeks of Advent.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Gastreich Secretary