Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2024

Opening Prayer

Silent Roll Call
Parish Council: **Byron Albers, Amy Bergman, Stacie Enneking, Steve Gruber, Derek Spieles, Jeff Stammen, John Stechschulte, Emilie Winner, Fr. Ken Schnipke, Kate Hemmelgarn**

Standing Commissions: **Major Bernhold**

Visitors: **None**

Approval of Minutes
The PPC council members motioned electronically accept the May 2024 PPC meeting minutes.

Standing Commission Reports

Building & Maintenance (Brian Wolf)
- **No updates. Brian was not at the meeting.**
- **Father Ken said there will be a capital campaign in the spring for the steeples, and the project will start in the fall of 2025.**

Education Commission (Gina Frick) – submitted via email

- **Jana Ranly is the new Commission Chair.**
- **As of now, we have need for a first-grade teacher.**
- **We are still in need of 2 Mass monitors: 1 for the choir loft and 1 for the liturgy class.**
- **Vacation Bible School was held in July and went well with 239 children registered.**
- **We continue to welcome those interested in being small group leaders for Faith Fire and Daring Disciples, especially in search for men leaders.**
- **Many hours were spent this summer reorganizing the Parish Center to better suit our growing numbers.**
- **The chairlift was repaired and is working well. It was used during the Vacation Bible School. Many thanks for allowing this to happen.**
- **Offering a reserved side pew at a Christmas Mass of choice again for workers of parade and or last evening shifts**
- **Requirements for testing for the children and teacher certifications will be changing.**

Cemetery Board (Jacque Borchers) – submitted via email

- **Jacque Borchers is the new PPC rep.**
- **Scot Kitzmiller has finished the landscaping portion of the columbarium install. His final price came in at $17,525 Original quote was $15,500 but the additional costs were due to the pavers on the sidewalk edge we used to help tie the Angel of Hope and the Columbarium projects together. We also added an additional layer of bricks on the seating wall to bring it to a comfortable height. Finally, the final grade of the west end area of the columbarium pad, including grass planting. This now has a nice slope leading up the the columbarium from the west.**
- **With the addition of the Angel of Hope and Columbarium projects, we feel it necessary to purchase some security cameras to install on the maintenance building. Waiting on quotes to proceed.**
- **On the main east west driveway, the nearest one south of the maintenance building, we want to repair two turn radius's that have broken drain covers. These turns are the last two on the far east end.**
- **A veteran asked if there's any way to denote veterans. Will email Jacque separately to ask since no reps are here.**

Mission Commission (Kay Schmiesing) – submitted via email

- **Nothing to report for the mission commission. The last meeting was our social meeting with appetizers. The garage sale went well but no official numbers were reported.**
- **Get question about new book to the parish staff – Cindy and Leslie. Leslie said previously it's usually in the budget each year. We had 2 Eucharist books last year.**

Finance Commission (Major Bernhold)

- **1.3 million on balance sheet**
- **Completed budget for current year (July 1-June 30)**
- **2 new members and 2 members stepped down**

PPC Committees

Parish Ministry Committee (Jeff Stammen)

- **Ministry Fair was 17th & 18th outside**
- **Lots of people attended and had some ministry group and leader sign-ups**
- **Groups seemed interested in doing it every other year and/or not on Saturdays**
- **From Father Ken: Could also look at sign up sheets at mass, etc., we are working through things like this with the new stewardship committee**
- **Would a welcome committee with overview of ministries be helpful?**

EAP/ASP Committee (Steve Gruber)

- **Safety training is tomorrow (Wednesday) and Sunday night at 7pm with Minster Police. Invites sent to teachers, ushers, staff, sacristans, etc. PPC welcome.**

- **SecureCom and NewWave were in for a visit simultaneously so that their quotes on locks (for church doors) and cameras (throughout church and parking lot) and panic button could be more comparable. New quote is $62,000 and will need new approval.**

Elections Committee (Kate Hemmelgarn)

- **No updates.**
- **New PPC officers are Steve Gruber for president, Stacie Enneking for Vice President, and Emilie Winner for secretary.**
- **Names need updated on website of PPC members and chairs.**

Old Business

<u>Online Church Tour</u>

- **New images of church were taken and will be getting it on the website.**

New Business

Unified Pastoral Council

- **Last meeting on August 6**
- **Steve was guest speaker . 9 people were put together to go through the DMI survey results, summarize them, and put together a 3 year plan. Created 3 tangible goals based off the results for Christ Our Light. All the commissions and groups within the church will focus on implementing these goals through their existing structure.**
- **Goals fall under Knowing, Loving, and Serving God.**
- **Went through Christ Our Light function and bylaws again.**
- **From Father Ken: The "New Evangelization" – Evangelization, but to existing Catholics. Catholics are the largest church and those who "Used to be Catholics" are the 2nd largest church. Rolling out a program called Disciples Radiate Christ with Jodi (Director of Evangelization) as a lead.**
- **The Archbishop is coming to St Joe in September to dedicate a new altar.**

Father Ken's Comments

- **Jodi is making her way around and getting to know everybody. She's a member of the family leadership team. Helps with the day to day management of the family. Also working on OCIA (formerly RCIA) program for entire family. Also working with adult faith formation opportunities and interests.**
- **Staff retreat day went well. We met, had Mass, and went through DMI.**
- **Starting the Stewardship Commission for the family. There are lots of valuable resources in the diocese they are using to start this commission.**

Next Meeting Date: 10/15/2024, 7:00pm

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Executive Session