Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 21st, 2024

Opening Prayer

Silent Roll Call

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

- ***Standing Commissions:*** **Major Bernhold, Kay Schmiesing, Brian Wolf**

- ***Visitors:***

Approval of Minutes
Jeff motioned to approve and Steve 2nd the motion to accept the April 2024 PPC meeting minutes.

Standing Commission Reports

Building & Maintenance (Brian Wolf)

- **For the new ADA ramp, concrete steps, etc., we are getting official bids from 2 companies. Woehrmeyer will still be the concrete contractor.**
- **For significant projects, we will begin doing project bidding through Garmin-Miller. They are putting together documents and sending them to contractors, free of charge. This will make everything more efficient and accurate.**
- **The snow removal will get a few more quotes (rather than only Wygandt out of Sidney). It's a large project and bill compared to what we used to have. It was mostly a donation from Gehret.**
  - **The north side will be taken care of with the heated concrete.**
- **Looking to renovate one bathroom at the church for Father Mark's living quarters.**
- **Organ lights are coming in soon and will be installed by Buschur.**
- **Greg noticed separation in the foundation near the crawl space. We will monitor it moving forward.**
- **Trying to elect new officers, but need to recruit more members.**
- **Steeple project is also coming. We have a meeting on June 4 with two contractors. Will likely be a campaign.**

Education Commission (Gina Frick) – submitted via email
Education K-12 (Kim Wiford)

- **This is the last week of religion classes**
- **Wednesday is our last all-school mass. To celebrate student donations to our Lenten Mission ($2400), Stacie and Kim will be getting a pie in their faces on the church steps after mass**
- **Baccalaureate Mass is this Sunday at 11:00 Mass**
- **Confirmation for 2025 is scheduled for a February 5 at 1:30 pm**
- **As of now, we have 5 teacher openings yet to be filled for 24/25 religion classes:**
- **1 kindergarten, 3-1st grade, 1-Jr/Sr**
- **Online registration is open and going well. Stacie helped to set this up**
- **Vacation Bible School will be taking place with St. Augustine/St. Joseph and the Holy Haus: July, 15, 16, 17 with 239 children registered. The theme is Team Jesus**

<u>Youth Ministry</u> (Stacie Lamm)

- **PX Games is upcoming on June 3 at Niekamp Farm**
- **Catholic Heart Work Camp July 7-13 in Huntingburg, IN**
  - **This summer, Catholic HEART Workcamp embraces a simple yet powerful theme: recognizing that young people aren't just the Church's future; they are its heartbeat, meant to live out their faith in the present moment—HERE & NOW.**
  - **We have a full group attending- 32 students and chaperones and Father Mark will be attending part of the week.**
- **Eucharistic Procession will be going on the same time that we are Catholic Heart Work Camp. Please sign up and have conversations with your peers to encourage them to sign up as well**
- **CYSC youth camp is also upcoming this summer with many attending**
- **There are openings for small group leaders for coming school year. Please pass the word around**

<u>Commission</u>

- **Beginning Oktoberfest planning and discussing commission goals**

Cemetery Board (Ed Jutte) – submitted via email

- **As of March 31, 2024, total current assets are $189,237.64. Cemetery dues collected totaled, and we received $3,000 from the sale of lots.**
- **Mike purchased a new push mower and is continuing to spruce up and make improvements to the maintenance building, including painting the ceiling.**
- **Window Creations has the Steinemann Chapel windows completed.**
- **The board received $2,500.00 from the Herkenhoff Trust to repair and straighten headstones.**
- **Scott and Ed's terms on the cemetery board are up in July 2024. Jacque reached out to Heath Hegemann about taking an open position, and Heath accepted.**
- **The Angel of Hope base has been poured, and the forms for the sidewalks are completed. The dedication date has been set for Sunday, June 9th at 12:30 PM.**
- **Jacque reported that his 2 years as chairperson of the board is up in July.**

- **The installation of the columbarium will happen after Memorial Day, but no date has been set yet.**
- **Scott brought up the possibility of adding tent pole receivers/holes for columbarium services that happen in inclement weather.**

Mission Commission (Kay Schmiesing) – submitted via email
- **Mission Commission meeting was held May 6th, 2024**
- **Speaker was Kayla Steineman who started the Ministry of Mothers Group. Their mission is to develop spiritual friendships. They have book studies, pray the rosary, and organize the Divine Mercy Encounters. They also raise funds to support children in Haiti. The group meets the 1st Monday of the month in the parish center.**
- **Therese Brown is training Julie Homan to take over the Parish Center Library by this summer. A request for monies to purchase books for the Children's collection was asked. Donation of $500 given.**
- **A few women traveled to Booneville, KY to visit Sr. Marge Eilerman. She is opening a soup kitchen and food pantry for the folks in need. A donation of $500 was given for this project.**
- **After the community garage sale, drop offs were accepted at the Halls of Hanover where it will be stored for the Mission Commission garage sale in July. Sign ups to work the garage sale will be at next months meeting.**
- **Members will make cookies for the PX games in June.**
- **AND Dorothy Bruns was elected as the new President of the Mission Commission. Her position as the Secretary will now need to be filled. We will do so at the June meeting.**

Finance Commission (Major Bernhold)
- **1.2 million on the balance sheet**
- **Under budget for the year overall**
- **Building and maintenance covered other topics**
- **The Archdiocese is in the early stages of a feasibility study for some campaigns, and they may be making phone calls to people in our community, per Father Ken. Be sure to answer and let them know your thoughts.**

PPC Committees
Parish Ministry Committee (Jeff Stammen)
- **Ministry Fair**
  - **Tentatively set the next Ministry Fair for August 17th and 18th.**
  - **Jeff to take a cut at the committee goals.**
  - **Need a leader for the Soup Kitchen ministry**
- **Stephen Ministry Meeting**
  - **Requests/questions**
    - **Does PPC want updates on the ministry to be given to the council or parish staff?**
    - **Looking for the next leader and younger care givers**

§ How should they handle requesting funds now that this is covered by the entire family?
§ The ministry has been given donations in the past specifically for the Stephen Ministry. How are these funds kept track of?
o Father Ken's Response:
§ Funds go where they are requested; it is noted this way in the budgets
§ The training is a shared expense across the churches
§ Linda will talk to business manager at the parish

EAP/ASP Committee (Steve Gruber)
· Reached out to the Minster police officer who is helping, reminded him of presentation to be ready by June
· Have a draft of the training outlined. Will pull it together (offline) before the next PPC meeting

Elections (Kate Hemmelgarn)
· No updates

Old Business
Needs Assessment
· In speaking with the Archdiocese, they can have a professional come here to do the full assessment at no charge. When they come, they will have discussions with many of the ministries we have to understand the number of people, space needs, etc. It's a full, true parish needs assessment.

New Business
· Family Photo Sessions Sign-Up Help (email from Cindy)
o Looking for help at the registration table during family photos sessions. Sign up link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yRewTFinw1jc0jMQp0Lzl49vN5wxsuyRiAUEuY2BI8Q/edit?usp=sharing

· Chair Lifts: Rectory and Parish Center (email from Leslie)
o Rich/Greg have proposed a chair lift for the rectory basement. The chair lift would not be ADA compliant because there is a step that leads into the building. The chair lift would cost $5200 (Note it is NOT a wheelchair lift so it would require someone to carry the wheelchair).
o We also are seeing if the mother board of the Parish Center wheelchair lift can be repaired. If not, a new one is $25K and we plan to make the investment.
· Eucharistic Procession (email from Erin Niekamp)
o There will be a Christ Our Light family Eucharistic Procession for four days, July 8th through July 11th. Sign up to volunteer at bit.ly/eucharisticjourney. For more information, visit bit.ly/eucharisticrevival.

Father Ken's Comments

- **Jodie Blindauer has been hired as Director of Evangelization. A lot of CREs have looked to her as a mentor over the years.**
- **Kim expressed interest in the CRE position and she will be hired.**
- **Father Mark is moving to St. Augustine. He will be here by June 30th.**
- **The DMI process is moving forward.**

Next Meeting Date: 08/20/2024, 7:00pm

- **Next year, we will meet in August, October, January, March, and May.**

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Executive Session