Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025

Opening Prayer

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

Standing Commissions: Major Bernhold, Jana Ranly, Kay Schmiesing
Absent: Jacque Borchers, Ike Hoying

Visitors: None

Approval of Minutes
The PPC council members motioned electronically to accept the March 2025 PPC meeting minutes.

Standing Commission Reports

Building & Maintenance - Ike Hoying (absent - this update is from Major)
- Parish center carpets will be replaced this year
- Rectory roof will possibly be replaced next year

Education Commission - Jana Ranly
- 59 students made their First Communion
- Baccalaureate Mass is Sunday at 11:00. Jeff Stammen is the guest speaker. 5 students from this graduating class have lost a parent and will be carrying a rose for their parent as they process in.
- We are still seeking: 1 Kdg, 2 First grade, 1 Second grade, 2 Fourth grade, 1 Fifth grade, 1 Sixth grade, Second grade classroom aids to support the large classes, Wednesday morning Mass monitors
- 8th grade curriculum for next year will include an in depth introduction to the Catechism. We will be purchasing a class set of Catechisms for this.
- Final Forms is going well and have received good feedback from parents about it
- 212 students ages 4-incoming 5th graders are registered for VBS: Glow Crazy for Jesus! July 28-30. This compares to last year's numbers. This year, we created committees to help with all the tasks involved in making VBS wonderful!
- Youth Ministry: Stacie Lamm announced resignation
    - PPC discussed events moving off Wednesday nights. Noted kids liked having events on Wednesday nights, think the attendance could drop
- 21 people headed to the Catholic Heart Workcamp in June
- Met on Sunday to talk about Oktoberfest, looking to keep fees the same

Cemetery Board - Jacque Borchers

- Mike had medical issues and the CHIRP group signed up to help with trim work.
- Sample columbarium niche door is in our possession and available for viewing in the meeting room of the parish offices
- Jacque erroneously reported in March about the copy of the 1987 Cemetery Rules and Regulations that needed to be updated. We actually found a copy dated 2020 and went ahead and updated it. All changes to the Rules and Regulations were unanimously approved by the board. It was mentioned to require updating this document every 5 years.
- The mower lease program is underway. The Ferris brand mower being trialed is from K and L implement in Fort Recovery, Ohio
- An estimate from Woehrmyer Concrete was presented to us for an additional five rows of continuous run foundation for the newest section (farthest west) of the cemetery. Cost come in at $45,992.50
- With Janice Smiths treasurer term coming to an end in July, the board elected Dan Tumbusch as the new board treasurer. Welcome aboard Dan.

Mission Commission - Kay Schmiesing

- 25 members were in attendance at the last meeting; the speaker was from Agape. Discussed a possible outing to Agape and a donation to Agape as a thank you.
- Garage Sale is July 21-23 at KofC Hall. There's already been a lot of items dropped off. This year, there will be a coffee trailer called Cup of Grace
- Reported on the Soup and Bread Luncheon; approximately 80 people attended
- The Easter project went well. Brought fresh cut flowers to 33 parishioners

Finance Commission - Major Bernhold

- 1.26 million on the balance sheet
- Get pledges in for the Steeple fundraiser

<u>PPC Committees</u>

Parish Ministry Committee - Stacie Enneking

- Steven Ministry added 4 caregivers to the team, 15 caregivers total and 3 leaders
- Provided more than 1500 hours of care since the program's beginning
- Helping Hands Service Day - June 21. Most projects are in Maria Stein cluster, one was already completed in Minster, and there is a lot of work that needs done at St. Charles from Fr. Mark if there are enough hands
- Ministry Fair will be done every other year. This year there will just be a questionnaire in the pews 2 weeks in a row, and perhaps they could be placed in the collection basket. We'll check with Cindy on those details
- For subcommittees, is there supposed to be a rotation? So that we don't all fall off at the same time. Everyone in the PPC is on a committee, so Beth and Joel will rotate

onto committees as well. Perhaps 3 on each committee. (Elections, EAP/ASP, and Formation Committee). We'll be sure to realign these committees.

EAP/ASP Committee - Steve Gruber/John Stechschulte

- The contract is signed by all parties and it's ready to begin.
- There is no committee member assigned so Rich, Greg, and Jared will take care of cameras, door locks, and panic buttons.
- No start date, but this should be completed in summer

Elections Committee - Kate Hemmelgarn

- Electing officers tonight - Steve will remain president and Stacie will be co-chair. The secretary position is open until August.
- Welcome Beth and Joel!

Unified Pastoral Council Update - Stacie Enneking/Emilie Winner

- Met in April
- The new Archbishop is in support of the Beacons of Light process
- Next phase is Phase 4 - All parishes will consider possible unification. They won't force us to do it, but we do need to consider it. Father said we'll continue taking our time to discern together as a parish.
- The new Archbishop liked how, in Cincinnati, we've done both the structure and the process moving forward for Beacons of Light.
- COL planning goals - how has it been received by groups within the parish? Are there are any questions or comments? Would like to roll out into all parishes and even into homes. Members of the PPC noted that their groups have already presented and aligned with it.
- Election of officers - all 3 officers are the same.
- Annual retreat day this summer on July 22 at St. Charles. There will be a speaker on the Precious Blood
- November 29, 30, and Dec 1 there will be a speaker from the National Eucharistic Congress. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Old Business

Steeple Preservation Update - John Stechschulte

- Added visuals to the church entrance—it has been effective
- Please like and share information on Facebook
- Have had information in the bulletin, and announcements at Mass have been effective
- Focused on participation and not money in this process
- In the committee's opinion, we've had a slow start. Each week, we've received about 100 families each week following the mailers about 3 weeks ago and have about 300 families. We have about 1200 families. For the organ process, they had about 600 families.

- The first EFT will happen June 15. Monthly reminders will come after that.
- So far, we've received about $400,000, and the pledges are higher than this. There was one Major donation (not from Major Bernhold, he wants to clarify.) The copper needed to be purchased upfront and we could cover it with the raised funds.
- Project will begin in August sometime.

Sound System Request

- The sign saying, "Please speak slowly and enunciate so all can hear clearly" will be installed on the podium soon.
- There will be an announcement about the efforts for the sound system in an upcoming bulletin.

New Business

None

Comments from Father Ken

- Met Archbishop Casey several times. Once was at the installation with many of the kids from St. Augustine.
- Afterwards, there was a reception. He said he's heard a lot about Christ Our Light.
- He is looking to make trips up this way. He will be here for Confirmation in February.
- In February, it would be nice if the Knights of Columbus joined in for the Archbishop's presence and help make a grand entry. Steve will speak to the KofC.
- For the Archbishop's mass in Ft. Loramie, he said that he wanted to go out to the people instead of them coming to him for masses for the Pope. That was well received.
- Fr. Ken went to the same school as Pope Leo. He was gone before Fr. Ken came through, but it was exciting. Fr. Ken said there were a lot of struggles in Peru and he helped bring everything together.
- It was the most cardinals there had ever been and many were new, so it was amazing that the white smoke came so quickly.
- Blessed Carlos Acutis was supposed to be during this time so there were a lot of young people in Rome already.

Next Year's Meeting Dates: 8/19/25, 10/21/25, 1/20/26, 3/17/26, 5/19/26 — **All at 7:00pm**

Closing Prayer

Executive Session