

February Pastoral Council Minutes (2-8-2022)

Members present: Father Dan, Deacon Steve, Lorie Kleumke, Corey Toennies, Emily Masching, Alexis Voyles, Diane Maue, Jim Millard, Angie Kohlbrecher, Megan Holtmann, Dave Weis

Opening Prayer was said by Alexis Voyles.

Old Business

The minutes were approved by Corey Toennies and seconded by Emily Masching. All were in favor of them as approved.

Vocations Ministry Report – Alexis had nothing new to report.

Church Handicap Ramp - Nothing new to report.

St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery – Mary AuBuchon continues her work on mapping the cemetery. This will be a long process.

PSR information - Connie Robben (DRE) was unable to attend our rescheduled meeting. We will discuss PSR at a future meeting.

Unsung Hero - We will send a reminder to Beth Hollenkamp to put updates periodically on Facebook. As a reminder, the form is on our website. Our last Unsung Hero was given last October. Lorie Kluemke will distribute information on Unsung Hero at the March meeting for new members.

Joint Pastoral Council Meeting - The Joint Pastoral Council meeting was canceled for January due to the high number of COVID cases in the area. It will be rescheduled.

New Business

Lent - March 2 is Ash Wednesday. Fr. Dan presumes the COVID ruling will be the same as last year (ashes applied with Q-tip) We will also continue to have the Stations of the Cross through Lent on Fridays at 7:00.

COVID - The Belleville Diocese still wants parishioners to wear masks within the church to help protect elderly and vulnerable while attending masses – this includes kiddos at morning mass.

Mass Attendance - It was mentioned that we are happy to see more families with small children back in church. We discussed ways we could try to make more families with children feel comfortable coming to church. We want parents to understand that the parishioners want to see them there and we should try to encourage families to sit up front with their young children so they can see what's going on. Emily Masching read a touching article on the importance of sitting up front with your little ones. We continued to discuss other ways to get parishioners involved again with the church. One thing that was discussed was "Catholicism on Tap" - it would be a social time with food and drinks but also have a faith based purpose and learn more about the Catholic Faith.

CYM – The CYM will be assisting with the presentation of a Luke 18 retreat on March 4th and March 5th for the 8th grade Confirmation class.

Deacon Steve - Deacon Steve has been recruiting and training servers. He has 2 recruits about half-way through the program. We currently have roughly 16 servers (41 pre-COVID on the server list). Vocational recruitment comes from 4 places: CYM, PSR, Catholic schools, Server

program. Deacon Steve also discussed recognizing those servers during a future 9:30 mass and/or morning PSR mass with kids. We discussed possible gifts such as a lapel pin. Currently, Dairy King gift cards are handed out to those who are faithful for their time serving

Pastor's Report - People are working in the cafeteria (asbestos removal complete). They are currently painting the floor (green) and they are finishing the plumbing in the kitchen. I am hoping the cafeteria will be available for use by Luke 18 timeframe.

There will be a Deanery meeting next week at the parish center.

Sister Ellen Orff is responsible for Hispanic Ministry for our area, she will retire at the end of February and the area is looking for a replacement. She helped bridge the gap with the Hispanic population. It is a part-time position. The person can either be a religious person or a lay person, who can speak Spanish, and is willing to help the community. The application is on our webpage.

There was some damage in Primary Classroom 1 caused by a squirrel that got into the building.

Other New Business - Alexis brought up hearing from parents that kids needed church service hours for Confirmation. The decision was made that the kids need to contact Father Dan or Deacon Steve to get ideas. They could do tasks like shoveling snow or serving in church.

Corey asked about janitor's work and how it's being covered and volunteers are still covering and helping to get things done.

Good of the Order - The Church's website/email server migration will start this week, with no anticipated lapses in service

Next Meeting: March 3, 2022 7:00, Rectory Basement

Opening Prayer for next meeting: David Weis

Closing Prayer for next meeting: Corey Toennies

Closing Prayer this meeting was said by Emily Masching