

**Pastoral Council's Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
**UNAPPROVED Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Father Robert, Terri Romitti, Ted Zabel, Roger Stanley, Jennifer Otto, Randy Conrad, and Will VanRossum

**Opening Prayer** – Father Robert at 6:38 pm

**Approval of Agenda** –Motion to approve 1) Randy Conrad 2) Ted Zabel; unanimous

**Approval of Pastoral Council 4/4/24 Minutes:** Motion to approve 1) Ted Zabel 2) Terri Romitti; unanimous

**Deacon Gary's Retirement:** Looking at what Deacon Gary used to cover including weekly nursing homes visits. He covered a total of 5 facilities each consisting of about 30-45 min each visit. Deacon Jeff and Karen Court are assisting Father in covering these visits. Looking for help with communion services at these location. Deacon Gary also did wedding preps and funerals that Father will have to take over until another Deacon is assigned to St. Nicholas.

**Will VanRossum about Fundraising and Finance Committee** –Would like to meet right after Countryfest in June to begin committee involvement from the fundraisers of: Countryfest, the Golf Outing, Pizza Fundraising, Winterfest, and Bingo. Want to get an updated plan layout for future committee involvement. Also discussed creating a “Get Involved Calendar of Events” where you can see upcoming events to sign up for volunteering and also what businesses were generous enough to help at each event. St. Bernard’s website has a great example to preview. It was discussed to have a list of events or to have a calendar. Finance will discuss with current fundraiser committees to see if they have any input.

**Update Strategic Planning-** Discussed how to better promote Pillars. Pastoral Council and School Advisory Committee will continue to be leads for the monthly event. The lead needs to follow the routine to do list and assist in asking for help serving. Would like to also see a monetary donation option for those who can't shop for items or want to just give money. Jen Otto will ask Becky Janssen to price out chicken that we can have in the freezer including food safety, storage length ect. She will also speak with Abby Linwood regarding making the meals freezer meals for the summer months and the lead will pick up to bake onsite. In person invite is always best!

**Nominations for Councils-** Carli Peters said she would like to be on the nomination form. There are 3 people on Pastoral Council up for 1<sup>st</sup> term but were asked to continue with their second term.

**Committee Reports:**

1) **Finance Council –Will VanRossum** – The budget is currently in the red zone. Parishioner giving is currently down. The budget is based on an average for the last 5 years; however, it is currently flat rated because expenses went up. The committee is looking to give an quarterly expense report for parishioners in the bulletin and online.

2) **School Advisory – Jen Otto-** Discussed spring fundraising in place of pizza fundraising. Also, discussed the future of standard based grading and what it will look like for students. Would like to get an update on our homework, behavior, academics and athletics policy in place for next year. Also discussed the use of cellphones, apple watches etc. in the classrooms/school. Our new secretary seems to be doing a great job! A 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher has been hired! He seems like he will be a great fit and is super excited to begin his journey at St. Nicholas. We are still looking for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade and music teacher. There has been a tuition increase set for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.

3) **Discipleship- Roger Stanley** – They held 3 Better Together nights for married couples to enjoy a marriage enrichment evening with babysitting provided. There were 4 Ladies nights that brought the ladies from the community together with craft and wine. Both events will continue in the fall. Our parish Entrust retreat was offered through the diocese and a few small group studies were formed and continue to meet. An adult book study was held and video series being held this month. These have been offered Tuesday morning and evenings. Will continue studies throughout the year. A pilgrimage is being offered to go to the National Shrine of Maximillian Kolbe/museum

for parishioners on June 27<sup>th</sup>. A widow/widowers dinner was held April. The group requested to have more evenings. They are continuing to hold the Breakfast Club with Discipleship for middle school kids the first Friday of the month. There has been good attendance and will continue next school year. Have been holding monthly middle school HYPE events. The Love Begins Here Mission trip is coming up in June and summer campfire nights are coming up this summer. Faith in Action day with Father Chad had a good turnout for boys age 9-14. Monthly high school 3:6teen events are being held and Steubenville is coming up this summer with 22 teens participating! Roses were sold for Mother's Day by the teens and they also lectured at prom mass! Discipleship also held their 1<sup>st</sup> healing night for teens-college age students. The next healing night will be June 9<sup>th</sup> and will continue every other month beginning in August. They are currently working on registration for RE fall with hopes to have an online payment option.

4) **Worship- Carl Peterson** – No update

5) **Hospitality- Ted Zabel** – Possibly looking at having ladies from hospitality help with desserts for Pillars. Randy will discuss with Peggy her thoughts.

6) **Buildings and Grounds – Randy Conrad** – Dean and Cody Daul painted the dungeon in preparation for the new boiler. Bob Schommer will be doing the lights. Chris Murphy will be building up the pads this week and the boilers will be installed in the next few weeks. EC&D Controls will be ready for next winter. Would like the boilers in and paid for by next winter. The St. Therese hall is paid for.

**Pastors Report:** Father Robert will be gone during the weeks of June but here on the weekends. He will be gone the entire month of July to go visit his family. Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Corpus Christi the Precious Blood will be back for certain masses throughout the year. The Green Bay Diocese is one of few diocese not offering the cup. Father handed out the next year meeting dates.

Discussed hosting a volunteer's dinner at Colonial House next year late winter. Time to be determined.

Rachel is doing a wonderful job updating the active/inactive member list! Thank you for all your help!

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 6:30 pm**

**Closing prayer** – 8:24 pm

**Motion to Adjourn** 1) Jen Otto 2) Terri Romitti; Unanimous

*Submitted by: Jennifer Otto*