

**Pastoral Council's Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024**  
**APPROVED Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Father Robert, Deacon Gary Vanness, Terri Romitti, Ted Zabel, Roger Stanley, Carl Peterson, Jennifer Otto and Randy Conrad

**Opening Prayer** – Father Robert at 6:33 pm

**Approval of Agenda** –Motion to approve 1) Jennifer Otto 2) Terri Romitti; unanimous

**Approval of Joint Finance and Pastoral Council 1/18/24 Minutes:** Motion to approve 1) Ted Zabel 2) Terri Romitti; unanimous

**Update on progress for fundraising and finance committees** – Terri will talk with Will VR to get an update.

**Update on result of Sunday night mass times** –Survey was sent out to New Evangelization families regarding adding a Sunday night mass. 41 responded they would come to Sunday night mass. Father will begin 1x/mo. in August 2024 to see how attendance goes.

**Update on Scheduler Pro** - Finance approved to get a 1 month trial. Online sign up for committees will be open as of May 15, 2024. **Who is in charge of getting this up and running, etc? To take advantage of a 1 month trial we should be promoting this now.**

**Parishioners listing updates-** Rachael Peterson will attempt to update our member listings by creating a google phone number. This will be the point of contact to send out text to our list and receive updates via google phone number.

**Pastoral Council members drive to get volunteers involved in parish activities and committees** – Carl is doing a great job looking for new and young prospects to get involved in church. We could have a list of ministries available to offer as we talk with parishioners. It was discussed for Abby Linwood to follow up or alter signup genius for volunteers to know where to go for our Pillars volunteer nights.

**Discussion on volunteer appreciation dinner** – Looking to possibly hold an appreciation luncheon/dinner for our parish volunteers after the Annual Meeting held in September after the 10:30 Mass.

**Parade Committee update** – New Evangelization will have a discussion at registration night looking to have parents, families and/or confirmation students lead our parade committee.

**Committee Reports:**

1) **School Advisory – Jen Otto** The secretary position has been filled! Still looking for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and a music teacher. The school will offer Spanish to replace music until the end of the year. They are also having Experiences every week and would like to continue this next year. This quarter, experiences are community members coming in once a week to teach 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade about that specific career.

2) **Discipleship- Roger Stanley** – Attendance and feedback were good for the last Ladies' Night and Better Together until fall. Middle and High school will continue to have events through the summer months. Several new confirmands have continued to meet Wednesday evenings even after getting confirmed! Looking to offer a place and discussion for them to continue to join us! Middle school youth will be joining a Love Begins Here mission in June. Some high school students will be attending the Steubenville Conference in July. The book study "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" went well. They held book club meetings Tuesday morning and evenings for 4 weeks. Father then consecrated those in attendance at the 10:30 am Palm Sunday mass. Looking to start another book study within a few weeks.

3) **Worship- Carl Peterson** – Stations and Soup was well attended throughout Lent and seemed to grow each week. The sound system will be updated/fixed as there was a problem. The organ needs repair; however, it is about \$300k. This is not a current need but an awareness for the future. Prom mass will be held Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the 4pm mass. Melanie Lewin is stepping down from decorating coordinator. Addy Peterson and Missy Peterson are looking to step into the decorating coordinator position. Easter had good attendance. We did not do a Holy Land collection on Good Friday. A Holy Land collection was held on Good Friday. Holy Thursday offered adoration till 10pm; however, need to communicate this better to parishioners. Palm Sunday also had good attendance and many joining in the procession of mass.

4) **Hospitality- Ted Zabel** - Social Sunday after mass has had good attendance but was suggested to continue soup or ham/turkey sandwiches, pickles instead of cookies or donuts. Randy will discuss with Peggy on her thoughts.

5) **Buildings and Grounds – Randy Conrad** - The boiler is getting ready to tear out the beginning of May. Dean Daul will be assisting with the painting and concrete pad. The boiler will now have online controls upon completion.

**Pastors Report:** Marny Clark has now moved to a full time employee position. She will be the lead of our youth, young adult and adult activities. The Diocese will now be promoting vocation ministry in each parish. They are offering a training workshop on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 at St. Pius in Appleton. Our parish vocation promoting members will be Marny Clark, Roger Stanley, and Bob Schommer. We are currently not offering Vacation Bible School this summer. St. Edwards does a Mom & Tot day. We do not offer anything for children birth – 4k. Is there anything we can offer?

We need to get nominations for councils set up for future selections.

We would like to offer a graduation mass on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00pm mass. Will put in the bulletin to announce.

**Who will send a bulletin announcement? I should let them know of bulletin deadlines, but also we should start promoting by the 5/7/24 bulletin. Are students to arrive in cap and gown? Will an area be reserved in church for the graduates to sit together?**

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm**

**Closing prayer** - 7:50 by Deacon Gary

**Motion to Adjourn** 1) Carl Peterson 2) Randy Conrad; Unanimous

*Submitted by: Jennifer Otto*