

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

January 10, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Jeff Kenkel, George Fox, Sharon Young, Lynn Ann Reeseaman, Joe Gonzalez, Scott Granicki, Tim Khoury

Not present: Terry Brecklin, Charles Demge, Liz Pierce,

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:03 PM Room 4 Community Center Tim Khoury offered the opening prayer and reflection</p>	
<p>Approval of the December 13, 2022 PC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes had been issued electronically prior to the meeting. No corrections or revisions. Sharon made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 PC minutes and Lynn Ann seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved. 	
<p>Liaison Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Concerns – Tim Khoury – The HC committee is working to re-focus and reorganize their thoughts and efforts to define strategies and long-term goals related to Human Trafficking. Jeff Kenkel mentioned that Kristen Winter will be the staff representative to Human Concerns. Tithing requests for January are Exploit No More and Family Missions (Glafke Family). The Giving Tree project was very successful. We provided a lot of presents to SOS prior to Christmas. Gift Cards were given to the following organizations - St. Vincent DePaul \$3,375, ARAS \$1,443, Hebron House \$505, SOS \$465. The Lenten theme was discussed. During Lent there will be bulletin articles around Laudato Si’. Leap of Faith cards covering three areas will be available during Lent – Laudato Si, Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Work of Mercy. Christian Formation – Lynn Ann Reeseaman – CF did not meet. Lynn has been meeting with Sue Devine-Simon. They have a meeting set with the CF staff, to occur after Lynn attends the January 19th Archdiocesan meeting. They hope to gain ideas on what may be most helpful in reestablishing the CF Committee. Stewardship – Scott Granicki – No update Prayer & Worship – Sharon Young – Barb will be holding a meeting soon with P&W, to evaluate how the Christmas services went, and plan out the Lenten services. Lynn expressed thanks for the parish maintaining the “masking optional” section in church. Fr. indicated this will continue. Finance – Joe Gonzalez – Cash flow for December looked optimistic, pending review with Terri Weber. Personnel - Changes will be made to the Vacation Policy, limiting allowable carry-over time to 40 hours. Performance Evaluation forms were completed. Stewardship - 319 cards returned, 298 renewed their pledge so far, totaling \$520,927, which is much higher than last year. Adding in 57 families using electronic fund transfers the sum is \$615,143. 21 families are unable to pledge at this time. The Building and Grounds committee is working on getting quotes for items they identified as needing attention. 	

<p>Review of Item from the December Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time & Talent Survey Calls – Everyone expressed that the calls went well and were well received. • Welcoming Outreach – Joe indicated he would be getting together with Terry Brecklin after she returns from vacation, to get started on the project. Terri Weber has been notified of the expected expense. • Archdiocesan-wide Evangelization and Formation Commission Gathering – Two staff and four council members are planning to attend this session. • Christmas Masses – Feedback – At the 4:00 PM Mass there were about 100 in the community center, Fr. felt we could have fit them into the church, as the mask optional section was nearly empty. The church was full for all Masses. Fr. felt having only 3 Masses fit well for both himself, and parishioners, without having the expense and burden of bringing in a priest to say a fourth Mass. • Archdiocese of Milwaukee Lecture – Information and online link were shared with committee members on this February 21st presentation by Monsignor James P. Shea on the topic of “Love for the Eucharist in an Apostolic Age”. Check it out and if interested sign up using the link. 	
<p>Pastor’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love One Another Campaign – Fr. announced this past Sunday the campaign would start up again. He met with the representative from the fund raising company, and we will be entering into what is called the “quite phase”. What will happen is parishioners known for giving substantially to the parish will be invited to a dinner with the Archbishop at Florian’s in Germantown, on Thursday February 2nd. All PC members are welcome to attend. We have three chairperson heading the campaign, Terry Brecklin, Chuck Demge and Brenda Klein. We are still looking for volunteers to solicit pledges, and meet with members personally. The campaign runs from now until the end of April. The time frame for the payment of pledges is 5 years. • Review of Holy Day Celebrations – Fr. John felt all the Masses went well, for his first Christmas with the Parish. There was good spirit and everyone sang along with the old Christmas carols. He received good reviews for his “Letter from Christ” homily. All the ministers did such a good job. Fr. had so many compliments on having the Nativity scene in church where it could be seen. • Bill Saladin Memorial Fund – This is a new fund established in memory of Bill, on behalf of his family. They provided \$100,000 of his estate to Fr. to be used only for parish liturgical needs. Considered were improvements to the historic chapel’s altar and stained-glass windows and new vestments. Any remaining monies are to be spent at the pastor’s discretion. The fund was established from the donation. • Catholic Stewardship Appeal – This annual fund raising campaign is starting. Scott volunteered to be the parish representative/contact, to support Father and monitor the execution of the campaign. 	<p>Contact the parish office if you wish to attend the LOAC dinner.</p> <p>Reach out to Fr. if you are willing to volunteer to solicit pledges.</p>
<p>February Meeting – Tuesday the 14th 7:00 PM</p>	
<p>Sharon Young provided the closing prayer The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm</p>	