

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

May 11, 2022

Members Present: Terry Brecklin, Deacon Sandy Sites (remote), Jeff Kenkel, George Fox, Sharon Young, Scott Granicki

Not present: Charles Demge, Joe Gonzalez Tim Khoury, Kim Cavaliero-Keller, Josie Rukanp

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:01 PM STJ Great Room Terry Brecklin offered the opening prayer and reflection</p> <p>In each meeting moving forward we will rotate members of the council, to offer a prayer/reflection at each meeting.</p>	<p>Scott G - June Prayer/Reflection</p>
<p><b>Approval of the March 9<sup>th</sup> PC Minutes</b> - Scott made a motion to approve the March 9<sup>th</sup> PC minutes, and Jeff seconded. The minutes were approved.</p>	
<p><b>Parish Director's Report –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COVID Status</b> – We continue to monitor local case levels, and will adjust as is appropriate should conditions change significantly. We will continue with “masks optional” in the main body of the church, and with a “distancing and masks required” area to the left of the altar.</li> <li>• <b>New Pastor</b> – The archbishop’s announcement of the placement of Fr. John Hensing effective 6/21/22, has been both shared at Masses and is posted on the parish website and Facebook. Deacon Sandy will meet with him on 5/19, with a long list of topics to discuss. Of note Fr. John has worked with Terri Weber at another parish, which bodes well for us and his transition to the parish. The Liturgical schedule is one of the first items to firm up.</li> <li>• <b>Pastoral Transition</b> – Recognitions for Fr. Don, Fr. Dennis and Deacon Sandy are to be coordinated with Terri Weber and Diane, based on schedules (tentatively June 4 – Fr. Don’s last Mass, and June 18-19 for Fr. Dennis and Deacon Sandy). A welcome for Fr. John is anticipated during his first weekend of Masses – June 25-26.</li> <li>• <b>Parish Health Coordinator</b> – An offer has been made and accepted to fill this position, pending a background check.</li> <li>• <b>Staff Merit Increases</b> – During a staff lunch today, Deacon Sandy announced all staff will receive raises. These increases will be the first in the last 5 years.</li> <li>• <b>Parish Budget</b> – The Finance Council approved a balanced budget which was submitted to the Archdiocese.</li> </ul>	<p>Terry will help confirm these plans can be confirmed with the Diana W. and Terri Weber.</p>
<p><b>Next Pastoral Council</b> – It was suggested that we invite Fr. John to meet the PC as early as possible within his placement. A July meeting would facilitate that welcoming and introductions.</p>	<p>Plan on a July PC meeting</p>

<p><b>Pastoral Council New Member Recruitment</b> – There have been no responses to the bulletin announcement to fill the three vacancies. Scott will be asking a couple of neighbors. Are there any members within the Commissions, who would be a natural, to join PC as a potential liaison to that Commission? Various other groups of individuals were discussed.</p> <p><b>Strategic Plan Update</b> – Data collection – for the two goals of Welcoming and Spirituality, the SPC is looking to gather ideas on best practices, by visiting other parishes including no-catholic faith communities. One of the things SP was attempting to do was to collect all the names by subgroup in a database, stored in the parish office.</p> <p>Does the parish membership data base, allow for the inclusion of individuals being assigned to one or more parish committee’s or organizations? Allowing for data to be added to it? Let’s find out what we have. The goal is to avoid personal/separate lists and files. Several members felt a new parish directory is needed.</p>	<p>All members should discuss with/ask individuals they feel would be a good PC member.</p> <p>Terry to find out from Terri and Diana what the parish database includes and if additional information can be added</p>
<p><b>Liaison Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance</b> (Joe) – See the parish directors notes.</li> <li>• <b>Human Concerns</b> (Jeff) –The Rice Bowl collections were strong this year. totaling \$2,682, double prior years. 75% of that goes to Catholic Relief Services, the balance is used at the discretion of the parish. HC will provide those funds to <b>RUBIES</b> a Milwaukee based human trafficking support organization. Tithing this month was \$1,499,71 and will be split between <b>Open Door Café of Milwaukee</b> and <b>St. Michael &amp; St. Rose Literacy Program</b>. Deb Schneider provided an update on human trafficking. Dialoging continues with Ellacuria.</li> <li>• <b>Christian Formation</b> (Josie) – The committee met for the first time in months (virtually). Highlights included the introduction of Dave Weber the new Youth Minister. CF is in need of Catechists. Shortages of Catechists last year led to large class sizes. Three “Family Nights” are scheduled for the upcoming school year – one in the fall, one during Advent and one during Lent, with hopes of getting families more involved in the Parish.</li> <li>• <b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> (Sharon) – P&amp;W reviewed this year’s Lent and Holy Week details to prepare for potential future changes. Barb would like all of us to take the opportunity to come out and greet before Masses.</li> <li>• <b>Stewardship</b> – No report</li> </ul>	<p>Take the opportunity to be a greeter when attending Mass</p>
<p><b>Pre-Mass announcements</b>  <b>May 14/15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30 – Terry Brecklin</li> <li>• 8:15 – George Fox</li> <li>• 10:30 – Terry Brecklin</li> </ul> <p><b>June 18/19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:30 –</li> <li>• 9:00 – Jeff Kenkel (tentative)</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Council Meeting</b> – We probably will not have a June meeting, if Terry knows of any new business, or if we have new members, we will hold a June meeting. Otherwise plan for July with our first meeting with Fr. John Hemsing. Be prepared to provide some personal background as part of the introduction to Fr. John.</p>	<p>Each member to be prepared for a brief introduction of themselves and their backgrounds.</p>

<b>Return to snacks and drinks (post meeting) - For future meetings</b>	
Terry Brecklin closed us in prayer Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm	