

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

October 11, 2022

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Terry Brecklin, George Fox, Tim Khoury, Scott Granicki, Liz Pierce, Charles Demge, Lynn Ann Reeseaman

Not present: Sharon Young, Jeff Kenkel, Joe Gonzalez

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:02 PM STJ Gathering Space Lynn Ann Reeseaman offered the opening prayer and reflection</p>	
<p>Approval of the September 13 PC Minutes – Tim Khoury made a motion to approve the September 13th PC minutes, and Terry Brecklin seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>Liaison Reports –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Concerns – Tim Khoury – No report • Prayer & Worship – No Report • Christian Formation – No Report • Finance – Charles Demge. There is a concerning downward trend in donations; down ~19K YOY, and down~57K as compared to budget. Cash flow is being managed carefully. A copy of the annual he annual financial statement was presented, and will be distributed to all parishioners. In November, along with the parish financial stewardship appeal, we are looking to highlight our financial need by sharing a list of the large expenses which were incurred last year or planned in the next year. We applied for the Earned Retention Credit, which is available to organizations that kept employees fully employed during the economic downturn. Mike Loth has agreed to lead the Buildings and Grounds Team, a group of 5-6 parishioners from the trades, who will oversee and guide us through our maintenance project. • Stewardship – see notes in Strategic Plan 	
<p>Strategic Plan – Culture of Invitation and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship Committee Reboot - Scott Granicki – Scott met with Fr. John, Steve Choate and Tom Becker as a first step in reinvigorate the Stewardship Commission. Scott handed out a summary of topics the Stewardship Committee has been involved in the past – They decided it is “everything” – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Support of other committees – scheduling events ○ Help with recruiting and securing volunteers for events/activities ○ New member orientation and breakfast/welcome ○ Gratitude/Recognition ○ Fund Raising – Help finance were needed, assist with Holly Days and Rummage sale ○ Prayer 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fellowship ○ Evangelization/Outreach - Communication beyond the parish walls <p>With so many things listed, we questioned where do we start? What should be the focus? Building a sense of community, more opportunities for fellowship, and welcoming were expressed. Fr. would like to get to know new parish members, so thought the new member breakfasts would be a good start. Fr. also expressed the need to focus on welcoming and developing community once again, particularly since COVID has diminished.</p> <p>Immediate opportunities discussed include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was suggested Fr. John’s installation would be a great welcoming and fellowship building opportunity. Fr would send out personalized invitations to all parishioners. A "Installation Weekend", with a wine and cheese "gala" Saturday after the 4:30 Mass, and something after the Sunday Masses. ● Start thinking about starting up the new member’s breakfasts, but include all parishioners in the invitation. Have some long standing parishioner’s share/witness why they are members of St. James at the breakfast. ● New Member Welcome packets – Fr. John would like to include a personal letter in each packet sent out. Can we get addresses of people moving into the area? With that we could send out a Welcome Letter, welcoming them to the neighborhood and inviting them to stop by ant Sunday. ● Holly Days with the pancake breakfast and Lasagna dinner, present other opportunities for community and fellowship. ● Diocesan-wide Welcoming Training – The training is intended for a broader group so as to get parishioners involved in Galilee U. Saturday November 19th. <p>Strategic Plan – Spiritual Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eucharistic Revival Planning – This program will be launched in June of 2023 and will run for 3 years, and is sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. A small group will attend the initial planning meeting held on October 22nd, which provides an overview of the whole Eucharistic Revival movement, and give us some ideas on what parishes might do. ● Meeting with Office of Evangelization and Catechesis – Terry is looking to reach out to the Arch to find out if St. James could be a host to some events, to help get involvement by more parish members. ● Calendaring – It was suggested we begin calendaring all planned events/activities so as to see the big picture, and know where we can fit in program offering, or activities. The idea of a St. James phone app that included the parish calendar or events was offered for future consideration. 	<p>Fr. John to talk to the archbishops office to lock in a date</p> <p>Terry to find her past research on how to identify when new people move into the area</p> <p>Terry will ask Barb Schuelke, Steve Choate, Tom Becker, and Natalie to see if they can attend</p>
<p>Pastor’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time and Talent Survey – Fr. shared a Time and Talent form which asks members to check the Ministry activity they would like to become involved in. This form will be sent to all parishioners with the parish census. It was suggested to avoid all acronyms, as they may not be understood. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Deacon – The deacon in consideration for a permanent placement with St. James has been assigned to another parish. Deacon Jonathan will be with us all year. Next year, St James will be designated as a teaching parish for St. Francis de Sales Seminary. We will get a first year theologian from the seminary, who will remain with us for four years. In his fourth year he will be designated as a deacon. • Eucharistic Revival (Loving God’s Creation) – Revival priests will travel throughout the nation, speaking on the topic of the Eucharist, and focus celebration of Corpus Christi and Adoration, reminding us that the when the host and wine are consecrated at Mass, it truly is the Body Blood of Christ. • All Souls and All Saints Day – Mass will be held in the morning and evening on November 1st. After the evening Mass there will be presentation on Dealing with Grief during the Holidays, including refreshments. The All Souls Day Mass will be held in the historic chapel on November 2nd, followed by a gathering (breakfast) for all who have lost someone this past year. • Love One Another Campaign – Fr. has a meeting tomorrow with the representative from the company which will be running the campaign. This campaign will be up and running again in January. Volunteers will be needed. 	
<p>November Meeting – Tuesday the 8th 7:00 PM</p>	
<p>George Fox closed us in prayer Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm</p>	