

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

April 11, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Terry Brecklin, Jeff Kenkel, George Fox, Lynn Ann Reeseman, Joe Gonzalez, Scott Granicki, Tim Khoury, Charles Demge, Renee Linsenmann (guest)

Not present: Sharon Young, Liz Pierce

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:09 PM STJ Great Room Terry Brecklin offered the opening prayer and reflection</p>	
<p>St James Love One Another Campaign – Renee Linsenmann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in week 15 of 25 , at about 31% of our goal - \$448,100 • The 5 pillars of the Campaign were presented – Prayer, Proportionate giving, Personal approach, Pledge commitment (5 years), Phased approach – Private, Public to launch April 22/23. • Questions regarding what does a person do if they made a previous pledge, should be directed to Renee. 	<p>All were encouraged to speak highly of the campaign.</p>
<p>Approval of the March 14, 2023 PC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes had been issued electronically prior to the meeting. Jeff made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes and Scott seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved. 	
<p>Liaison Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Concerns – Jeff Kenkel – We are waiting for the Rice Bowls to be returned. The question was asked if the STJ Human Trafficking group was associated with UCC St. Josephs in Merton. The answer is yes, as all the faith based groups are members of FCAST – Faith Coalition Against Sex Trafficking – of Waukesha County. • Christian Formation – Lynn Ann Reeseman – No update • Stewardship – Scott Granicki – Nothing to report. • Prayer & Worship – Sharon Young (absent) • Finance – Joe Gonzalez – The Personnel team is meeting April 17th. Building and Grounds has completed their spreadsheet on Capital Projects, with all system inspections completed. The 2023-2024 budget planning and review process has started. Meetings focused exclusively on the budget are planned. The parish is experiencing unexpected increases in insurance expenses. 	
<p>Deanery Meeting – Jeff/Terry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was the third meeting STJ has attended. This meeting offers opportunities for the archdiocese and other parishes to share experiences and activities that others may be interested in. • Discussions included other parishes, indicated collections are down. 	<p>Assure someone represents STJ at future meetings</p>

<p>Strategic Plan - The Strategic Planning Team met 3/24</p> <p>Goal 1 – Culture of Invitation and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Breakfast Report – Participation was viewed as successful, in spite of low attendance by the new families that were invited. Fr. enjoyed being able to sit and talk to members individually. The Knights served new members right at the table, which was a nice touch. We will repeat this during the summer, and apply what we learned to streamline the process. • All Committee/Volunteer Appreciation – Holding an event in May was considered too soon. We will plan this event for the fall instead. <p>Goal 2 – Spiritual Growth - Archdiocesan Resources and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whispers in the Pew - booklets to hand out to youth that follow the mass • One Percent Challenge – aligns with the Eucharistic Revival program. The challenge is to spend spend 1% of your day, or 15 minutes, in prayer. • Emmaus 90 – A 90 day prayer opportunity, which is a bit more involved. Getting involved with this program may allow us to host a national speaker. • My Parish Matters and Galilee U • Stewardship Conference – May 18th hosted by the archdiocese. • Eucharistic Congress – June 10. At Mary Mother of the Church pastoral center in St. Francis 	<p>Terry to discuss these programs with Prayer & Worship</p>
<p>Council and Trustee Openings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Openings – We still have to work out the details for the Trustees openings, to get to alternating 2-year terms. • Upcoming Open Spots on Council – In addition to the two current openings, Scott indicated he will not be renewing his term. • Recruitment; Nomination Process – An announcement and request for volunteers will be placed in the bulletin in the coming weeks. • Discernment Process –If needed this would occur the first week in June 	<p>Terry to post an announcement in the bulletin. All should continue to seek out and invite parish members to consider joining the PC</p>
<p>Pastor’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Stewardship Appeal – No update. • 35th Anniversary of Fr. John’s Ordination and Installation – The idea is to hold this event in concert with St James Patronal Feast Day - July 23rd. We are awaiting feedback from the Archbishop’s office to see if he is available. • Common Cup – Parishes are now allowed to distribute the Precious Blood during communion. We will return to this tradition starting with the Feast of Corpus Christi. Fr. will include articles in the bulletin in preparation, and to remind everyone of the proper way to receive the Precious Blood. • Holy Week – Fr. thanked all those involved in preparing, assisting and participating in the Holy Week masses. • Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – The Archdiocese requires someone always be present during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This assures it is not left alone such that it could be miss handled or miss treated. STJ will need to re-establish a signup schedule to assure continuous presence when the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in the historic chapel. 	
<p>May Meeting – Tuesday the 9th 7:00 PM</p>	

Fr. John provided the closing prayer The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm	
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