

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

May 16, 2023

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Terry Brecklin, Jeff Kenkel, George Fox, Liz Pierce, Tim Khoury, Charles Demge, Sharon Young, Dan Sawyer

Not present: Joe Gonzalez, Lynn Ann Reeseman, Scott Granicki

Topic	Follow-up
<p>Call to Order 7:01 PM STJ Great Room Terry Brecklin offered the opening prayer and reflection</p> <p>Terry introduced Dan Sawyer, a parish member active in other ministries who has shown interest in joining the Pastoral Council</p>	
<p>Approval of the April 11, 2023 PC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes had been issued electronically prior to the meeting. Corrections were made relative to the Human Trafficking notes. Sharon made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of April 11, 2023 and Liz seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved. 	
<p>Commission Liaison Reports</p> <p>All liaisons should remind each Committee to submit their meeting minutes to Michelle Beimborn, so she can then distribute them to all members of the Pastoral Council. This process had been discontinued during COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Concerns – Jeff Kenkel – April tithing requests went to St. Michael and St. Rose Literacy Program and the Open Door Café. During Lent, 150 Matthew 25 cards were taken. This was a good response so they plan to repeat this next year. Ellacuria Fair Trade sales will be held on June 10th and 11th. We will be donating \$375 of the \$1,502 collected in the Rice Bowls, to support the next trip to Ellacuria. Jeff confirmed that Kristin Winter is the staff member associated with HC. Human Trafficking will have a table at both Menomonee Falls Night Out and Sussex Night Out August 1st and 2nd. Christian Formation – Fr. John – The S.O.U.L. program had a good turnout this year. First communion was held at masses the last couple of weekends. Confirmation is this week. They are getting ready for a mission trip this summer. Vacation Bible School will be called “STELLAR”. Stewardship – Fr. John – All volunteer feedback forms have been distributed to all committee heads or organizations. Prayer & Worship – Sharon Young/Fr. John – Discussed how Holy Week went. Preparing for Confirmation. Acolyte training will take place to assure consistency. Common Cup will return on the feast of Corpus Christi – the number of distributors may be a concern, as some masses are short for just distribution of the host. Finance – Chuck Demge – The fiscal ‘23-‘24 budget was revised to a realistic positive budget. The budget includes a Christian Formation tuition increase. Fr. asked all staff to cut their budgets by 10%. The Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator and the CF Assistant positions will not be filled, with duties and responsibilities being assigned to other positions. Building and Grounds – we 	<p>All Liaisons to have the committee they represent, send committee minutes to Michelle</p>

<p>are requesting three water stubs versus two – one each for A) fire suppression, B) Church and class rooms, and C) Rectory and Historic Chapel. We pay for the engineering and connections from the stubs to the buildings.</p>	
<p>Strategic Plan -</p> <p>Goal 1 – Culture of Invitation and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Postcards – Terry shared an example of the post cards which will be mailed to new residents. The first mailing will be in June. • Stewardship Conference – May 18, 8:30 to noon at the Archdiocese. Terry will be attending to gather new ideas for us to consider. • Thrift Sale – All PC members were encouraged to volunteer for the Thrift Sale • All Committee/Volunteer Night – So we do not loose site of this for the fall we need to be thinking about it now, including a date(s). Committees would have to change their current schedules to accommodate this. We need to find out what the current schedule is for each committee and float the idea of the All Committee Night. To make this happen, many felt we should pick a date and promote it. Maybe go back to the first Tuesday – Fr. to discuss it at Staff. Decision should be made in the June PC meeting. Plan to finalize this as the June PC meeting. <p>Goal 2 – Spiritual Growth - Archdiocesan Resources and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eucharistic Congress – June 10th at Mary Mother of the Church pastoral center in St. Francis. This day kicks off the Eucharistic Revival program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One Percent Challenge – Terry handed out a “How-To” post card provided by the Arch. ○ Emmaus 90 – Terry handed out an informational post card provided by the Arch announcing the program for Easter 2024 	<p>Volunteer for the Thrift Sale Send Terry the dates and times each committee meets.</p> <p>Terry to discuss these programs with Prayer & Worship</p>
<p>Council Openings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Sawyer and two others have indicated an interest in joining the Pastoral Council based on personal conversations. There are three openings. If more individuals come forward, we would use a discernment process to fill the openings. 	
<p>Pastor’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Campaign – Fr. had a meeting with parish campaign volunteers. The silent phase has come to end and we now begin the public phase. We have reached 52% of our goal. The campaign will continue through June. • Corpus Christi Sunday – We will return to distribution of the Precious Blood via Common Cup. Fr. will include an article in the bulletin, explaining how to properly receive the Common Cup. • 35th Anniversary of Fr. John’s Ordination and Installation – On - July 22nd bishop Hanes will be installing Fr. John as pastor of St James. We will have a little celebration after mass. Fr. asked for thoughts on what the gathering should include. A “Mass on the grass” was considered to be too much work to setup/take down, and problematic should it rain. Financially, it would be hard with our budget. Dinner in the hall would limit the number. Ideas for food included Brats/Burgers. Cheese/Crackers/Wine/Desserts. Heavy hors d’ oeuvres. Beer/Wine/Soda/Water. Nothing on Sunday, Saturday only. 	<p>Come back to the June meetings with ideas for celebration.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Stewardship Appeal – The parish goal is \$49,490 and we have raised \$25,579 (51%). Fr. will highlight this appeal later in the year, after completing the Love One Another campaign. 	
<p>June Meeting – Tuesday the 13thth 7:00 PM</p>	
<p>Fr. John provided the closing prayer The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm</p>	