

St. James Pastoral Council Minutes

May 14, 2024

Members Present: Fr. John Hemsing, Jeff Kenkel, George Fox, Liz Pierce, Dennis Lentz, Joe Gonzalez, Cheryl Romuald, Charles Demge, Scott Granicki, Dan Sawyer, Hayde Becker

Not present: Sharon Young

Topic	Follow-up
Call to Order 7:03 PM STJ Great Room Dan offered the opening prayer and reflection	
Approval of the April 9th, 2024 PC Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting with minor corrections noted. Scott made a motion to approve, and Liz seconded the motion. With all in favor the minutes were approved.	
Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human Concerns – Dan - No report.Prayer and Worship – Dennis – Barb Schuelke reported Father plans to meet with ushers as he has already done with acolytes and lectors. Mass attendance for Easter was 236 Thursday, 404 Good Friday, 227 Saturday Vigil, 721 8:00 AM Sunday, and 626 10:30 AM Sunday. Ushers need to be proactive in seating parishioners as setting up extra chairs in the gathering space for the Easter masses is prohibited by fire code. There were not enough orders of Worship for the two Sunday Easter masses, so Barb suggested printing single sheets with only the Easter hymns in the future, rather than printing the entire booklet. First Communion was celebrated at all masses on April 27/28 and May 4/5. Confirmation was held on May 4th at Good Shepherd, Bishop Haines presiding. The summer single 9:00 AM Sunday Mass schedule starts June 2nd and goes through Labor Day. Prayer and Worship and all related subcommittees, are in favor of the single Sunday mass proposal. Bob gave a shout out to Ruth Ann and Gary in doing Lector prep and support.Stewardship – Liz – Additional photo sessions for the parish photo directory are May 18/19 and May 23/24. Fellowship weekends - Liz continues to update the Fellowship How-To guide for the host committee. These notes will be combined with the food and drink ordering established by Terry Brecklin. They are looking for the high-top tables to set up during Fellowship, providing a place for people to set their coffee or donuts. They are also looking ahead to the fall to combine a Name-Tag weekend with a Fellowship weekend. Outreach to new area residents continues. with Welcome Wagon sending out postcards to 95 new residents. Also looking into sending an information letter/card to existing but newer neighborhoods. Also considering creating a "SWAG BAG" for new parishioners. With small items like a STJ magnet, book mark, or prayer booklet. They are looking for Parish Council to pick a date in the fall to hold a recognition event for anyone who serves on any ministry within the parish. This would be like an "all committee night". They would also like to hold a welcome event in the fall for our new Deacon, Lance Tappa.Christian Formation – Cheryl - CF activities scheduled include the Matthew 25 trip in June, the Mission Trip to Kansas City in July, and Vacation Bible School	

<p>at the end of July. Father reported our youth minister David Weber has taken a position at Xavier H.S. in Appleton, which creates an opening for that full - time position. Mary Koloske the administrative assistant for the parish is retiring, and that 30 hour a week position will also be posted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance – Chuck – Cash flow was reviewed for April. We ended April with an \$18K loss. Included was our first quarter pension payment of nearly \$9K. We are also seeing a downward trend on our Stewardship income. We are anticipating another receipt from the Love One Another Campaign in May. We have a balance of \$104K of the Earned Retention Credit and \$83K in the Bill Saladin Memorial Fund. The line of credit has been paid down to \$3,100. Our budget to the archdiocese is due in June and we are prepared to submit a balanced budget. Joe shared drawings of options for the street-side electronic sign. Buildings and Grounds has narrowed the bids for the sign to two bidders, and expects to make a recommendation to the council soon. B&G is still working to get additional bids on the water connection project. ● Knights of Columbus - Scott - \$1,300 was raised in the annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser in support of people with disabilities. Knights also ushered at Holy Hill two weeks ago. Our new Deacon is a member and is chaplain for the Knights. If there is any way the Knights can assist the parish organizations e-mail the new Grand Knight - Eric Zunke. 	
<p>Pastor's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rose Sales – The sale of roses on Mother's Day netted over \$900 ● Parish Trustees - Fr. indicated that Joe's term as a trustee is ending in June. To fill the position, the pastor has the right to nominate a person, and then open it up to the parish, via a notice in the bulletin, if anyone else is interested. ● Photo Directory – Fr. asked all members to sign up to have your picture taken for the directory. He would also like a group photo of both the Pastoral Council and Finance Council. ● Deacon Lance – Deacon Lance will start his ministry in June. ● Vacation – Fr. will be on vacation when the June meeting is scheduled, so without argument there will be no meeting. Historically we have not had meetings in June or July and start back up In August. If something comes up, we can always call for an emergency meeting. 	<p>A group photo of PC needs to be taken and submitted.</p>
<p>Group Topics –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024/2025 Pastoral Council Members - George Fox indicated he would renew his membership for a second 3-year term. Jeff Kenkel will not be renewing for a second term. As Vice Chair Scott Granicki will lead future meetings. Liz indicated new parish member Jim Sandet. ● Strategic Plan – Father pointed out that the parish strategic plan needs to be reviewed/updated every three years. The plan needs to be revisited next year. 	
<p>August Meeting – Tuesday the 13th 7:00 PM</p> <p>Fr. John provided the closing prayer The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM</p>	