

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul

Present: Fr Paul, Brenda Eschenbrenner, Ben Brachle, Amy Johnson, Kim O'Conner, John Klinginsmith, Cecilia Fick

Absent: Mike Heeney, Tammy Hellman, Tyler Clay, Andrew Prochaska

Agenda: Acceptance of agenda

Minutes: Approval of minutes

1. Old Business:

Staffing is complete. Hired were:

- **Tiffany Shuda** for Volunteer and Wedding Coordinator. This is a new part-time position that will focus on supporting all the current volunteers as well as growing the volunteer group. Tiffany and Jason are from Lincoln where they were involved in the Newman Center there. They have 5 children ages 10-1. Tiffany is currently training on the Lay ministry schedule and weddings. She will work on scheduling trainings for new ministers, finding group leaders for small group study and supporting them. She will also keep the funeral and social groups current, process the Stewardship sign up forms, and any other work with volunteers. The Job responsibilities are developing as we see needs and talents.
- **Helen Albrecht** is our new Administrative Assistant. This is full time position at the front desk. Responsibilities include phone, bulletin, sacramental records, mail, scheduling Baptisms, and many other tasks. Helen and Marc have 3 children, ages 8 and 5. Helen comes to us from a nursing director position at a care home. She will be a great asset.
- **Makayla Irwin** is the new Youth/Young Adult Ministry coordinator. Makayla was a volunteer for Life Teen and EDGE last year and has experience with Totus Tuus, Higher Ground, TEC, and many other youth programs. She is a recent graduate with connections to the Kearney Newman Center so has connections with the alumni for young adult opportunities. Carrie and Amy are both recommended her hiring.
- **Lydia Mueting** for Administrative Assistant-part-time. This is a part-time position to assist Helen and add coverage of phones and reception. Lydia will also be working as a finance secretary for some of her hours. Lydia is a new graduate from Kearney High School and will be attending CCC next semester. This position is responsible for upkeep of the sacramental excel file, helping preparation for Faith formation events, and any other tasks that she is asked to complete.

Welcome to John Klinginsmith to the council. Thank you to Brenda Eschenbrenner for remaining for another term. Thank you to Andrew Prochaska for 7 years of service.

2. Committee Reports:

FINANCIAL:

The budget for 2022-2023 was presented to the council. Ben Brachle made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Brenda Eschenbrenner seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approval.

FAITH FORMATION: Successful May crowning and family BBQ. Totus Tuus is this week. 89 children registered for 1-5th grades in the day time. 13 registered for 7-12 grades that meet in the evenings. The focus this year is the Luminous mysteries and the Lord's Prayer. A family pot luck is scheduled for Wednesday and Slip and Slide on Friday.

Edge: Ended the year with a study of Mary and her Fiat. Final class was a social at the church on May 1 with pizza and games.

Life teen: Ended the year with a study about stress coping skills. Final class was a social at Gary & Kaye Sorensen's club house with pizza and hang out time.

Confirmation: on summer break

Carrie thanks the parish for the opportunity to work with the youth this year and is excited to had the reins to Makayla for next year.

Makayla reported on summer plans for the youth. She has been on the summer team for Higher ground this summer, worked with the summer brunch bunch with Katie from St James, and is on the Totus Tuus team at Prince of Peace this week. She attended a conference in AZ and learned pointers for effective Life Nights for Edge and Life Teen. She also connected with leaders all over the country. Other summer activities for the youth include Messy Madness retreat and the High School Pilgrimage as well at more brunch bunch meetings and praise and worship nights. Fall youth nights begin on September 7 and September 11th.

COMMUNITY PANTRY OF PRINCE OF PEACE: Pantry provided food for 43 families with 138 people benefiting. They provided \$585.00 for utilities and \$ for car repairs. Fr. Paul reiterated that the Charities is an independent financial entity supported by donations designated by parishioners. The office oversees their bank account for a double check only.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Music Ministry: Kathy reports and more singers are needed. James is working on the contemporary song book.

Liturgical Environment: Easter decorations looked good but didn't last long. Jody will get more flowers as needed.

Pastoral Ministry: Kathy White and Marlene Rasmussen are helping at the nursing homes and homebound and doing an excellent job. Fr. Paul is rotating Mass at various nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Sacred Art: Stained glass windows are in place in the music room and the working sacristy.

RCIA: Now called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation). Lead this year by Bill Gilbreath, P. J. O'Neill, and Kathy White. Candidates were pleased with leadership. 9 people were initiated at the Easter Vigil ceremony.

Liturgical Ministry: Carrie and Tiffany will be setting up another minister training workshop. People are receiving the cup. Each chalice should have 1/3 cup of wine in it.

ASET: Synod complete. Advent retreat for 2022 is scheduled for December 3, 2022. Committee is looking for speakers. Will discuss the presentation of the "Real Eucharist Boards" in light of the Eucharistic revival next three years.

STEWARDSHIP: Planning for the next Estate planning information workshop.

WELCOME COMMITTEE: No reports

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: No June report, another memorial came in today to be used for the sign. More funds are needed.

Phase II: Bishop Hanefeldt gave permission to sign a contract with RDG for the development of blue prints for the next phase. The budget has been set at 2.8-3.3 million. The new construction will include the gathering space, office space, remodeling the lower level into additional classrooms and a two-room preschool with bathroom. The plan is to avoid a long-term loan but the Finance Council has approved a loan of \$500,000 if necessary. More funds are needed. There will be another push when the plans are ready to be reviewed.

KCHS: Report was reviewed by the council. KCHS is working on a strategic plan with several committees call domains. Very qualified people are working on the various aspects of school improvement. Fr. Joe has the final decision regarding KCHS except the Bishop. Fr. Paul advises. Prince of Peace needs a new school board member as Bridget Sharp term is ending. Fr. Paul is looking for names of qualified people with students in the school. Please email Fr. Paul with suggestions.

WATCHMAN: Leaders are looking at the curriculum for next year. They are planning recruitment approaches, hoping to have 80 men involved and retain them for the whole year. Curriculum decision will be made at the meeting in 2 weeks. It will include a prayer focus.

Funeral Committee: no report

3. New Business: Eucharistic Revival. This is a three-year plan that started on Corpus Christi. Year 1 is at a Diocesan level, Year 2 is at a parish level and Fr. Paul would like to develop a team to lead. Year 3 is at a national level with a national Eucharistic congress.

Fr. Paul will send an email/text about a social to celebrate John, Andrew and the rest of the council.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 17 at 7 pm at 4622 Parklane Dr, the parish residence(rectory)

Respectfully submitted: Amy Johnson, Council secretary