

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Members in Attendance:

Ex. Off. Rev. Jeffrey Hennes
2024 Chuck Clark
2024 Kris Hansen
2024 Theron Nash
2024 Dave Osier
2023 Mike Daniels
2023 Tim Higgins
2023 John Lutz
2023 Kris Strigel

Absent/Excused Members:

- I. Meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with an opening prayer.
- II. Minutes were approved through email following the last meeting and posted.
- III. Featured Discussion - What to do with our Pastor Photos: At the last meeting there was discussion of concerns regarding leaving them up, but it also is our history. Removing just one picture also leaves a noticeable hole. Consensus was to create a plaque of all Pastors to be hung in the hallway. Fr. Schulte's image will be put in the Family Center with a plaque mentioning his works towards getting the Family Center Project completed; Monsignor Ehr will be moved to Ehr hall. Will wait for plaques to arrive and will adjust all at once.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Vision Statement: A Reminder to get the goals from your assigned group.
 - B. Picnic: The report was recently shared in the bulletin. We have all of the area leadership lined up, but we do not have a main chair for the event. Past leaders are willing to assist and share knowledge. We need to figure out who our leaders will be by January if we will have a picnic. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please encourage them.
 - C. Alpha: Begins with St. Brons on Monday, September 26. There is still time to register, or if you decide at the last minute please feel free to join the group.
 - D. Volunteer Appreciation Night: This Saturday, September 24. Preparations are going well. Fr. Todd is covering the 6 p.m. Mass so that Fr. Hennes can remain for the gathering.
 - E. Diocesan Capital Campaign: We are awaiting more information; our projects include the main entry steps, and signage. Air conditioning and painting are also included on the list.
- V. New Business
 - A. Weekday Mass Times: Discussion was held regarding the current Mass schedule and possible changes to the days of the week that Masses are offered at each parish. Further discussion will continue with Sacred Worship and St. Stephen parish council.
 - B. Youth Ministry Sweepstakes: St. Stephen has held a sweepstakes to benefit the Youth Ministry program for 2 years. This is organized by their parish council, and the prizes have been underwritten. St. Stephen is offering that St. Joseph could also be included; as well as possibly St. Peter and St. Casimir Parish. Consensus was that our programs are already joint, and it would be a wise idea to share this venture with our youth. Spreading the reach to include St. Peter & St. Casimir is also a good idea. Father will follow up with St. Peter's and St. Casimir's.
 - C. Front Doors: It was noted that the Wyatt Street doors are locked on weekdays and there was concern that it does not seem very welcoming. Will be passed along to Walter and buildings and grounds.
 - D. Wee Worship: There was an inquiry in regards to if we could restart Wee Worship during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. At this time Conner's focus is on getting the Grades 1-11. We may need to do a survey of the parish to see if there are people interested in volunteering as well as how many children might be attending the program.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Education (Theron): At the most recent meeting Conner shared a report about the CCD Program. We will again have the Little Books for Advent and Lent. Alpha was discussed. Looking at offering a program during Lent as well. Father shared the current religious ed program enrollment. The School year is off to a good start. Overall Pacelli enrollment is up. Work continues on bringing a 4K class to the St. Stephen site.
- B. Parish Family Life (Tim): Just worked towards putting some plans together for gatherings.
- C. Buildings & Grounds (John): The Wyatt Street entrance is being assessed. There was a workday to trim some trees earlier today. Walter would like a pole saw. Boiler update, we are awaiting one more component, but should be up and running before we need it.
- D. Call to Justice Committee (Theron): St. Stephen hosted the Meal of Hope. Meeting this Sunday after Mass.
- E. Sacred Worship Committee (Kris H.): Ministry signup is the first 3 weekends of October. Mass counts will be taken in October. We will offer the Chalice to the people at Christmas Masses, and will see how well they are received. Activity bags for kids have been put back out. Goals were discussed: want to be a welcoming parish, will be looking at doing a workshop through Franciscans at Home; have been sending birthday cards, will be doing Christmas and Easter cards for the upcoming year; continue ongoing ministries. Memorial Mass is on November 5.
- F. St. Anne's (Kris S.): Circle of Hope bracelets speaker was present at their last meeting. Proceeds support cancer research. Talked about vision and goals; suggestion was to add more members, outreach to retired members. St. Ann's holding bake sale October 15 & 16 after Masses. Discussion is ongoing with Holy Name to hold a joint gathering.
- G. Holy Name (Mike): Prayer group met recently, there were 18 present, good discussion. Pork Roast Dinner is coming up October 8. A group of men from the prayer group is considering hosting a Holiday dinner open to the community and will discuss more at the next prayer breakfast.

VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6 p.m.

VIII. Meeting closed with prayer at 7:25 p.m.

Annual Agenda Items: Picnic Basket (March); Tithing/Vision Statement (May); Christmas Basket (November)