

# ST. STEPHEN PASTORAL COUNCIL

April 27, 2023

**In Attendance:** Fr. Hennes Donna Bella Ron Blaha  
Helen Bogaczyk Phil DiSalvo Lynn DiSalvo  
Jenn Knapp Jim Ford Randy Stroik  
John Sullivan Mary Sullivan

- I. The meeting began at 6 p.m. with a Prayer.
- II. Old Business:
  - A. Nominations and Elections:
    1. Donna, Jim, and Jenn are both willing to continue
    2. Nominations will take place in May, with elections to follow
  - B. Census: Father gave an update regarding how we are moving forward. We are in the process of making phone calls to the families that did not respond.
- III. New Business:
  - A. Youth Ministry
    1. Sweepstakes
      - a) Date: August 26, 2023; movie and food.
      - b) Reach out for underwriting in May and mail tickets end of June.
      - c) Father needs to contact Fr. Joseph to see if St. Peter and St. Casimir would like to reach out.
      - d) Update on Plaques: Plaques were corrected, and Father is looking to schedule the visits.
    2. Position: Conner has completed his employment with the parishes and is moving out of the Rectory. We do have our appreciation dinner next week, and Conner will attend. We do have a strong candidate, and if all works out well, we will have the position filled.
  - B. Wednesday Mass: The school teachers like the 9 a.m. time for Mass during the school year. What do we want to do in the summer months? The consensus was to leave it at 9 a.m. this summer.
  - C. Pilgrimage: Father thinks we could make an offering in 2025 to travel to Rome.
- IV. Committees:
  - A. Sacred Worship: The Triduum and Easter Sunday were beautiful, and it was nice to see a full church. We did have a gentleman who offered to play the organ, however we could not come to an agreement on stipend. Next year triduum will be at St. Joe's
  - B. Education:
    1. Finishing up the details for the new 4K room in the school. We are contributing to some kitchen renovations to bring things up to code. One teacher has announced they are leaving, and a new teacher will come in for 4K.
    2. The President search has begun. They have narrowed it down to interview six applicants in the coming weeks. We hope to announce a new president soon.
    3. The last CCD classes were just held last Sunday and Wednesday. We are moving on to summer programming.
    4. The high schoolers have a summer assignment. Three students are going to the Kentucky trip, one student attending Adventure Camp, and we have seven registered to attend the Steubenville conference. The other students will do a DIY assignment, 5 hours of church service, and a pilgrimage to one of the holy sites in Wisconsin or other sites if approved.
    5. For the younger kids, we are partnering with St. Brons for their Vacation Bible Camp.
    6. The Sullivans shared that they attended adult education with the Light to Light book and enjoyed it. There was a follow-up suggestion to attend a function with Bishop Barron. .
  - C. Buildings & Grounds: School renovations and Notre Dame Center. Parking lot patching. There is a small leak in the rectory. The awning over the rectory balcony needs to be replaced.
  - D. Family Life: Would like to do a spaghetti dinner with the sweepstakes. We could watch Lady & the Tramp.
  - E. Justice and Peace: No report

## **JOINT WITH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Joined by Kathy Kowalski, Jack Edgerton, Jacob Stiemann,

- I. Inspired by the Spirit
  - A. Update: Our initial invites are out; we have done two receptions and one more scheduled. We have added a daytime reception next week.
  - B. RSVP registrations at Mass this weekend? We would need volunteers after Mass to do this. The Sullivans will assist Saturday. Ron will help Sunday. The office will provide the needed items.
  - C. We are starting to get some pledges in. We have \$100,000 promised via a bequest. We have roughly \$17,000 pledged. We have funds from savings, which is \$100,000. The centennial campaign has \$400,00 left, with most of that going towards HVAC upgrades.
  - D. Father shared the conceptual drawings of the Notre Dame Center. Handicap access is the most exciting part; being able to utilize the undercroft more often; for parish events, etc.
  - E. The campaign's introduction to the parish will be the first weekend in May. The initial promotion phase ends in June.
  - F. Centennial Campaign - outstanding is roughly \$61,000. \$971,000 was pledged; 1 million was the goal.
- II. Next Meeting:
  - A. June 8, 2023, 6 p.m. Parish Council; 6:30 p.m. Finance Council joins.