

ST. STEPHEN PASTORAL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2023

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

Excused: Donna Bella

- I. The meeting began at 6 p.m. with a Prayer
- II. Old Business:
 - A. School Renovations: We continue to work on renovating the basement aftercare room to a 4K classroom. This will differ from all other 4K sites within Pacelli, as this is a full-day 4K program offered through Pacelli, not the public school system. Before and after care will also be available for these families. Religion will be incorporated into the curriculum. While this is a tuition based program, financial assistance and the voucher program are available to families that qualify. This program is capped at 22 students, and 17 spots are filled. The renovation expenses are being covered by a grant and include a bathroom. We will also add a 3-vessel sink in the kitchen, which the parish will cover.
 - B. Inspired by the Spirit: We have had contact with Lynch Development, and the campaign will be rolled out following Easter, wrapping up at the end of June. We ask that you consider serving on the committee. If you know of other parish family members that would be good for the committee, please let Father know.
 - C. Mission Statements: Father shared the roles of the councils and how those councils filter into committees, either through membership or reach out. All should work in union together, with the pastor and the universal church. At this time, we are looking at a Mission Statement for committees. The discussion was that we would revisit this in the fall and have a deadline of the end of the year.
 - D. Pastor's Plaque: The information has been sent to Point Trophy, and we await proof.
- III. New Business:
 - A. Census: It was decided that we would do a simple census that was mailed along with statements. We have had a reasonable return rate.
 - B. Youth Ministry:
 1. Donor Plaques: The plaques were shared with council members to present to those who donated to the sweepstakes. An error was noticed, and will be corrected.
 2. Sweepstakes: When do we want to run this raffle, and do we want to tie it into an event? Reach out as a community event. It was agreed that it should run late summer before the school year starts, and possibly we could hold a block party for our event.
 3. Position: Mr. Franz has decided this ministry position is not the best fit for him, and he will be pursuing other employment. He will be with us through the end of his contract.
 4. Elections: A few members are up for re-election. Please take some time to prayerfully consider if you would be willing to run for re-election. We will also be reaching out to the parish for nominations in the spring.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Sacred Worship: St. Stephen is the host parish for the Triduum. Stations and Adoration on Fridays during Lent. The Parish Mission is hosted at St. Joseph. The Corpus Christi Procession will also be held on June 11.
 - B. Education:
 1. We have struggled with the Holiday Parade conflicting with Religious Education. We are looking at ways to incorporate a way to have a family event incorporated with the parade.

2. Looking to hire a new DRE. Two young men joined Fr. Hennes and Mr. Franz on a Seminary Visit to La Crosse and Minnesota. They spent time with Seminarians from the Diocese. We are hoping to have a visit for the young ladies in the summer.
 3. Regular CCD classes are going well. Adult Offerings include the Black Books, and Hallow App, and the RCIA program hosts a learning session with *Light from Light* on Tuesdays. We will also have the Lenten Mission in March with Keith Nester. Catholics Returning Home will be offered after Easter hosted at St. Joe's.
 4. The Seder Meal will also return for the first time since Covid.
 5. The Deanery will sponsor a bus to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. This will include a stop at the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and a chapel tour during the Eucharistic Revival.
- C. Building & Grounds: The most significant projects are occurring in the school building. There was a pipe repair needed in the basement of the Rectory. We will be looking at another asphalt project for the playground. Discussion continues with work for the Capital Campaign.
- D. Family Life: Thinking of a spaghetti dinner.
- E. Justice & Peace: Plans to do a Baby Bottle drive for First Choice, running from Mother's Day to Father's Day at both parishes.
- V. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6 p.m.
- VI. Meeting ended with prayer at 7:30 p.m.