

Church of the Good Shepherd

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – February 6, 2023

PRESENT: Fr. Glenn Whitman; Ed Grober; DJ Puskar; Kathy Bauer; Jim Bird; Mark Colella; Deb Sokolak.

ABSENT: Mike Bartolo; Pat Chovan; Pat Miller.

GUESTS: Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed)

OPENING PRAYER: said by all members and guests.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: the December 5th, 2022, meeting minutes were approved.

LITURGY: comments submitted by Fr. Glenn.

- Nothing major to report.
- Need to work on defining committee charters in smaller groups. (Suggested for all committees by Mark Colella with attending PPC Members in agreement)

FINANCE: comments submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- Resulting from Fr. Glenn's message in December, which explained the need for increased contributions by even \$5 or \$10 per week, we will be preparing a report in February to report on contributions from January and will continue to do so on a monthly basis.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: comments submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- Religious Ed Students will be assisting with the Spaghetti Dinner on 2/19
- We have had a great turnout from our parishioners for the Basket Raffle
- Upcoming Dates for Sacraments
 - March 18th (Saturday) – First Reconciliation – 2 Students
 - May 7th (Sunday) @ 11:30 Mass – First Communion – 12 Students
 - May 15th (Monday) @ St. Joseph's, Sharon, PA – 7:00 PM – Confirmation
 - 14 students (grades 10 & 11)
 - With students from Notre Dame & St. Joseph's

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: comments submitted by Pat Miller and Mark Colella.

- The video documenting the Church building and Parish grounds, especially focusing on all the doorways has been completed and is being edited.
- Pat Miller checked the AED devices in the parish and identified that the batteries need to be replaced. He has ordered the batteries and will get them up and running when received.
- Need to train ushers on use of AED devices, CPR and maybe Epi-Pens – maybe open trainings up to all parishioners - TBD.
- DJ Puskar identified that Sally Puskar is available to conduct training classes for the Ushers on the use of the AED devices and CPR – to be scheduled once batteries have been updated. Future training sessions for others to be planned and scheduled.

SOCIAL: includes Kathy Bauer, Jim Bird, Pat Chovan, Mark Colella and Deb Sokolak.

- Spaghetti Dinner Planning efforts are in full swing.
- Most of the ingredients and paper products have been ordered.
- Will be completing the order for the outstanding items during the week of 2/6

CORRESPONDENCE: none to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parish Directory update – The committee headed by Fr. Glenn and Marie Flickinger has resulted in about 200 family photos taken in various parts of the Church and in people's homes. Recent efforts have picked up a few more pictures, but we still have about 300 families that have not responded. We anticipate offering another weekend of family photo sessions sometime in 2023. There is no estimated publication date to announce.
- 2nd Review of PPC By-Laws
 - An update/edit have been identified and will be applied to the By-Laws document.
 - The updated document will be resubmitted at the next PPC Meeting for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 1st round of review of the updated PPC Constitution was submitted for review.
- Spring Wine & Cheese – April 29th after 6:00 PM Mass
- Parish Picnic – September 10th after 11:30 AM Mass

ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA:

- Study Group on the Book of Revelation - Fr. Glenn will be conducting this group every Monday evening in Lent.
- Possible upcoming Shrub Fest – Fr. Glenn to discuss with Don Schmidt & Neil Hosick
- Next year schedule for Spaghetti Dinner 2/18 or 2/25 – need to coordinate with St. Bart's so as to not conflict

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 17th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER: said by all members and guests.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 2.19.2023: Annual Spaghetti Dinner.
- 4.17.2023: Next PPC Meeting
- 4.29.2023: Spring Wine & Cheese

Respectfully submitted by Ed Grober substituting for Mike Bartolo – Parish Council Secretary