

# **Church of the Good Shepherd**

## **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes–October 14, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Colella; DJ Puskar; Jim Bird; Brian Biggins; Deb Sokolak; Leah Ann Williams, Gary Salatino, Pat Miller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marsha Garver, Fr. Glenn Whitman

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed)., Mike Bartolo

**OPENING PRAYER:** said by all members.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** the August 13, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Leah Ann Williams was elected President. DJ Puskar was retained as Vice President. Pat Miller was elected Secretary.

**FINANCE:** comments submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- Nothing to report.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** report submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- Lauren provided a census/enrollment report for religious education. 70 children are participating in our religious education program this year.
- Presented a video on the faith formation program and the change to Confirmation to 9<sup>th</sup> grade and highlighting and developing programs through grade 12. This process is anticipated to take 1-3 years to develop.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** includes Brian Biggins and Pat Miller.

- The speaker in the gathering space will need looked at to ensure that it is working properly.
- The trees leading to the rectory will need to be trimmed.
- The locust trees near the church will also need to be trimmed
- There was discussion of replacing the carpet in the sanctuary space. This will require further discussion with parish council and finance committee and be a potential CSA project for 2025.

**SOCIAL:** includes Jim Bird, Deb Sokolak and Leah Ann Williams.

- The Annual Charity Dinner, chaired by Deb Sokolak, was on October 13, 2024. We served 294 dinners total. Deb provided a preliminary financial report to the council. Final numbers will be available at the next meeting. The leftover food and desserts were donated to Joshua's Haven. Parishioners in attendance were pleased to see our Teen Shepherds actively involved and participating.
- The Cabbage Roll takeout sale is scheduled for Saturday/ Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Take out only, price is 12 dollars for three rolls. Cabbage rolls will be made and packaged at the church prior to the sale.
- Cookbook project is moving forward with Winter 2025 start date. Leah Ann Williams will be the chairperson for this event. Collection of recipes will begin over the holidays with a goal to sell the book in the spring of 2025.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Regarding the possible sale of property owned by the Church on Rt. 318 in Shenango Township. Property has been cleared of standing timber. The recommendation is for Fr. Glenn to discuss with the Finance Committee to determine pricing and terms of sale. Discussion was held to include in the next meeting agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Fall Wine and Cheese event will be held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> after the 6:00 Mass in the social hall. Deb Sokolak is the chairperson for this event.
- A Soup Sale fundraiser will be held in January, date and chairperson to be determined at the next PPC meeting.
- Donuts and coffee will be held on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> after 9:00 Mass in the social hall. The chairperson for this event will be decided at a later date.

**ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA:** none to report.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

- 97 families are registered for our next Food Pantry distribution on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Typically we have 35-40 families participating. We have recently received \$2000 dollars of personal donations. A parishoner has also donated a freezer for our Food Pantry and will be kept in the food pantry storage area.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, December 9th 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall Meeting Room.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** said by all members and guests.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- First Wednesday of each month: West Middlesex / Shenango Township food distribution.
- 10.27.2024: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (at the 11:30 AM Mass)
- 11.3.2024: Cabbage Roll sale (take-outs only after Mass on 11/2 and 11/3)
- 11.16.2024: Fall Wine and Cheese after 6:00 Mass.
- 12.9.2024 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- January, 2025 (tentative): Soup sale (take-outs only)
- February, 2025 (tentative): Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Miller – Parish Council Secretary