

Church of the Good Shepherd

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – August 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Glenn Whitman; Ed Grober; DJ Puskar; Mike Bartolo; Kathy Bauer; Mark Colella; Deb Sokolak.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Bird; Pat Chovan; Pat Miller.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed).

OPENING PRAYER: said by all members and guests.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: the June 12th, 2023, meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCE: comments submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- Nothing to report.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: comments submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- Report submitted by Lauren attached.
- A kindergarten class will be added this school year. Noone has signed up, but still early.
- CCD school year begins 9.18.2023 for grades K-8; high school grades 9-10 TBD.
- About ten children from our Church attended the community Vacation Bible School. Church of the Good Shepherd will host the 2024 VBS.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: includes Pat Miller and Mark Colella.

- Nothing to report.

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

- The Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, Sept. 10th. A preliminary planning meeting was held Monday, August 7, 2023 (ten parishioners attended the meeting). The Picnic Committee includes Kathy Bauer, Deb Sokolak and Leah Ann Williams. The Church will provide the hot dogs, buns, onions, chili sauce, plates, plastic utensils and napkins – parishioners will be encouraged to provide their favorite salads, casseroles, desserts or other foods. Several parishioners have already volunteered their time for arranging children games; manning the slushy and popcorn stations and working the Chinese auction and quilt/television raffle sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society. Teen shepherds will be assisting with childrens' games and plans include a fire truck, ambulance and police car to be on the Parish grounds for children and adult viewing.
- Kathy Bauer will write a notice to be included in the weekly Church bulletin.
- Setup for the Parish Picnic will be on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 AM. Parish Council members will coordinate the setup and cleanup for the event with other parishioner help.

CORRESPONDENCE: none to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parish Directory: Fr. Glenn has over 200 family photos taken in various parts of the Church and in people's homes for the directory. Photographs of members of Church clubs/organizations were taken after the weekend Masses in June and July. Myrissa Donaldson arranged the picture files and text in Microsoft Publisher. Some pictures still need to be taken and added to the book. A historical perspective, written by Deb Sokolak will also be included in the directory. Minuteman Press will print the booklets once the booklets are proofed by the committee. There is currently no publication date or price to announce, except that the plan is to charge a nominal amount to those who agreed to have their pictures taken in order to recover publication expenses. For those who did not have their picture taken and wish to purchase the book, they will be charged double the amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed reinstating the Annual Charity Dinner in the future and Coffee & Donut Sundays after the 9:00 AM Mass. Both of these items were tabled for discussion at a future meeting, but we will continue to announce the need for a volunteer to head this year's Charity Dinner, if there is any interest expressed by a parishioner.
- We will conduct a Ministry Fair to attract new people to our Parish Ministries in the areas of Altar Servers; Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors and Ushers/Greeters. Deb Sokolak volunteered to coordinate having signup stations, with members of each ministry available to answer questions, after the weekend Masses on September 30 and October 1.
- Sally Puskar has started training classes on the use of the AED devices and CPR, principally for Ushers and Greeters, but open to all interested parishioners. Over sixty parishioners have signed up expressing interest in attending the classes for certification.
- Parish Pastoral Council elections will be conducted September 16th -17th, 2023. Ed Grober, Kathy Bauer and Mike Bartolo, none of whom will be running for reelection, are the Election Committee. All PPC members will solicit candidates; all candidates MUST agree verbally to have their name included as a candidate for PPC. Ed Grober to draft an announcement of the election, to be included in the next several weekend bulletins and announced at each Mass, beginning Saturday, August 19th. Ed will also look for biographies of those candidates who ran for election last year. The Election Committee will coordinate photos and bios with candidates, conduct the election and maintain control of the vote counts.

ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA:

- Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 9th, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall Meeting Room.

CLOSING PRAYER: said by all members and guests.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 9.10.2023: Parish Picnic
- 9.16.2023 & 9.17.2023: PPC Elections
- 10.9.2023: October PPC meeting – installation of new PPC members and election of PPC officers
- 11.4.2023 (tentative): Fall Wine & Cheese Event
- 2.18.2024 or 2.25.2024 (tentative): Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Respectfully submitted by Mike Bartolo – Parish Council Secretary