

## **Church of the Good Shepherd** **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – October 10, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Glenn Whitman; John Moroco; Ed Grober; DJ Puskar; Mike Bartolo; Kathy Bauer; Mark Colella; Pat Chovan; Pat Miller; Deb Sokolak.

**ABSENT:** Jim Bird.

**GUESTS:** Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed).

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

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** the August 8, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:** the election of new members was conducted at all weekend Masses the weekend of September 17-18, 2022. Absentee ballots were also accepted at the Parish Rectory the entire week before the elections were held. Ten parishioners agreed to run for Council. Jim Bird; Mark Colella and Deb Sokolak were elected to three-year terms. Kathy Bauer, the fourth highest vote-getter, was chosen to fill the position of a parishioner who resigned from Council, for the remaining one year term.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Kathy Bauer – social committee.
- Jim Bird – social committee.
- Mark Colella – building & grounds committee; social committee.
- Deb Sokolak – social committee.
- John Moroco served eight years on Parish Council and was not eligible for reelection. John was thanked by all present for his service to the group and to the Church. Also recognized were Patti Chupak; Joe Walsh and Phyllis Williams for their years of service to the group.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Officers for the next twelve months will be:**

- President: Ed Grober
- Vice President: DJ Puskar
- Secretary: Mike Bartolo

**LITURGY:** Fr. Glenn mentioned that the number of altar servers continues to remain significantly lower than pre-COVID levels, due mostly because the parents are not coming to the weekend Masses with any regularity. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are continuing to maintain a fairly respectable level. Efforts will need to be made to encourage more active participation at all levels, but especially for children, as Confirmation candidates will eventually be receiving the Sacrament in the ninth grade within two more years.

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

- CCD classes for all grades started on September 18<sup>th</sup>. A total of 69 students are enrolled in grades one thru eleven. Students have been coming to the classes.
- Two children (grade two) will be receiving their First Reconciliation March 18, 2023. Thirteen children (grade three) will be receiving First Communion on May 7, 2023 and fifteen students (grades ten and eleven) will be receiving Confirmation on May 15, 2023.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** comments submitted by Pat Miller.

- A video documenting the Church building and Parish grounds, especially focusing on all the doorways has been created. The Rectory and Social Hall still need to be video recorded; Pat was questioning whether Jerry Stigliano can assist with the video.
- “Stop The Bleed” is a free training program that provides emergency first aid instruction to select parishioners. Classes will be offered at a later date. “ALICE” is a protocol useful in making good survival decisions should an attack occur. This training is very expensive at this time, so is being tabled.
- McCarl’s Services, a builder and maintenance provider of HVACR commercial heating and cooling systems performed a review of our heating and air conditioning systems. Fr. Glenn will be sending the report to Pat Miller for review by the committee.

**SOCIAL:** the committee will be headed by Deb Sokolak.

- The Fall Wine & Cheese Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 after the 6:00 PM Mass. Plans were discussed at the meeting to include antipasto trays of select meats and cheeses and also trays of cut fruits and vegetables. See below under new business for more details.

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

- The Finance Committee is setting up a meeting to be held in the coming weeks to review future Parish obligations. How can we encourage more responsible charitable giving, especially in light of current inflationary economic trends?
- Currently there are 75 priests serving the Erie Diocese. In the next ten years, 53 priests in the Diocese will be satisfying the needs of 94 parishes.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Parish photo directory has not been published since 2012. A committee headed by Fr. Glenn and Marie Flickinger will co-chair a number of volunteers who will take pictures at the Church property and in people’s homes, if requested. Parish group pictures will be taken after individual pictures have been completed. Those parishioners with children younger than 18 years old will sign a waiver that their children’s names can appear in the photo directory. A directory at the end of the booklet will include names, addresses, phone numbers, cell phone numbers and email addresses for all active parishioners. Printing will be provided by Minuteman Press and the booklets will be sold at a nominal cost to all parishioners. Signup for appointment dates and times will be conducted at Masses starting the weekend of October 15-16.
- The Fall Wine & Cheese Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 after the 6:00 PM Mass. The Altar Rosary Society bought new table covers with an autumn motif. In addition, the ARS will be conducting a Chinese Auction at the event. Table and chair setup will be conducted by Council members/spouses on November 5 at 10:00 AM.
- The Executive Committee will be meeting to review and offer revisions to the existing Parish Council Constitution By-Laws, subject to discussion and final vote by all members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

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

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- 10.27.2022: Don't Eat Alone.
- 11.5.2022: Fall Wine & Cheese Event.
- 12.5.2022: next Pastoral Council meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Bartolo – Parish Council Secretary