

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024

Present: Fr. Robert Barnell, Kate Brockman, Patrick Parris, Victor Khannausa, Dan Young, Helen Walter, Stephanie Storer, Karen O'Rourke

Absent: Jake Kerger, Debbie White

Fr. Robert opened the meeting at 6:30 with prayer.

The September Minutes were corrected and approved.

We reviewed how to find the minutes for Parish Council AND all other committees for new members.

### **Pastor's Update:**

Advent: Day of Adoration on Wednesday, Dec 11th-can sign up or show up. Wanting to increase the amount of people who show up for Adoration

We are moving regions called a deanery, attached to Central Louisville, which could lead to some more coordination with those parishes, St. Raphael, St. James, etc.

Still looking for After-School Coordinator: School teachers have stepped up to cover, but that is a temporary solution. Someone has been found for Kids Time, but not for Summer Camp. This person is available for 2 hours each day for now. A recruiter was brought up to see if that can help find someone. A referral bonus was put out there in hopes that someone would be brought on, but that hasn't worked yet. The job posting is on LinkedIn, Indeed and the Arch website. Parents would need to be notified by December if someone has not been found.

Gym Policy: Father asked if there were any objections, there were not.

Future Dates: Father wanted to set our next two meetings. Skip December, January 28th and March 25th were scheduled. An April meeting will be scheduled if something comes up. Both meetings will be at 6:30.

Cross Catholic: It would be nice if our parish could be connected to the church in a place that needs us, internationally. We continue to help in our Louisville community as well. Cross Catholic is good because they identify needs in a community and find resources to help those people. He passed around a brochure. The website was mentioned as well. They will send a representative to come speak to the parish. Might be a good Lenten outreach activity. Kate will send the website out to everyone.

We will continue to help the JPPII Mustard Seed Food Pantry.

Father John Judy retired and lives in Africa half the year. He is going to come to visit the parish in July 2025. He's bringing a Tanzanian bishop with him.

### **Discussion of Community Outreach**

It was asked by one of the members what types of outreach/service projects we do as a parish.

Some items have fallen by the wayside because of Covid, but we need to start them back up. This can also help with service hours for the school children. Grades 3-8 have service hour requirements.

Our youth group hasn't gained much traction, though Eddie Jarboe has tried. How can we get more participation for our young people?

Some ideas given: soup kitchen, collection for orphanage, visiting elderly/sick in nursing homes, minister to refugees

AMEN Club-Sunday Lunch Program at Cathedral (can we promote this more?)

Nativity competition-guidelines will be typed up by Victor and then sent out to the parish

Caroling in neighborhood to homebound and at the nursing home

Victor was asked to type up his thoughts on community outreach because he had many good ideas.

Father will bring these ideas up at the Parish Staff meeting the following day.

### **Update on iGiveCatholic from Patrick Parris**

Made a video for social media-children pitching and sharing what's going on in order to educate on what needs to be done.

Save the date was sent out

Goal is \$60,000

Website has been ready for a month or two

Father will say something at masses this coming weekend OR a student will give a pitch

This coming weekend is a student-led mass so a student should be available to speak about it (Nov 17th)

### **Miscellaneous**

Remind parishioners about adding Ascension to your Kroger Plus card

Uptick in giving or stewardship-no data on this yet

Is there anything that has been brought up by parishioners? This will always be on the agenda. We remain the voice of the parish.

### **Committee Updates:**

Finance

After that meeting we had some email traffic about the after school program, extra pay for teachers to staff it through end of year, and possibly some small bonuses to compensate those who've put in extra effort keeping it going recently. Father is obviously in the loop on all of this. (Meeting minutes were sent in an email)

## B&G

We've not met the last couple of months as all of our projects are completed.

We're currently getting specifications, quotes, etc. on the concession stand renovation project with hopes of starting April 1, 2025.

Perhaps we can have an info package ready for your approval at hopefully your next meeting!

## Athletics

- Refurbishment of concession is going through 3 bids for equipment and labor. No final scope has been set yet but the idea is to have something similar of what we have with new equipment and optimization of space.

- We have done a couple of basketball clinics outside normal activities and one of day was after Sunday Mass, good participation. the idea is continue doing different sport after Sunday Mass when weather and schedule allows and involve as many age groups and parents as possible.

- Fall Sports end and surveys were done for coaches. No major concerns and mainly it has been positive feedback for the coaches. Feedback has been giving to coordinators as well as my personal suggestions for improvement in those areas that we could have an opportunity. There is not a corrective action plan for any sport or coach as results were very good.

- We will have Holy Trinity renting the back court of the gym during basketball season on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 for 50\$ per day.

- All teams are starting basketball season in this month, activities and calendar can be followed in Band App.

- We are not hosting any Christmas's basketball tournament this year during Christmas break. We will probably perform some fun games day for different ages in different days. I will suggest coordinators to open concession if they are available and willing to do it.

## PTO

Trunk or Treat was a success and went off without a hitch. Fun was the goal and I think we achieved it.

EMS update we sold over 2700 tickets and total profit after expenses based on estimated field trip cost is \$42,665

Trivia Night happened this past Saturday. We haven't tallied up totals yet but early numbers are promising for expected growth compared to last year.

Cookies with Santa is next on the docket and that is 12/8 after mass. Santa and photographer is booked. We still just need smaller stuff like activities worked out and cookies ordered but are in good shape there.

School Board updates from October/November meetings:

- We are still in need of a Kids Time director. Please spread the word in hopes to bring any interested candidates to us.
- Open house was held on 10/29. It was very successful with 21 families coming, resulting in 3 registrations already. There were also a few families that were already requesting information on how to join the parish!
- The school support (Accreditation) visit was held with the Archdiocese. Several school board members interviewed with the assessment team. The initial feedback was very positive and we should receive the final assessment within the next 5 weeks.
- Terry requested feedback from the school board members re: how Service Hours are described in the Student Handbook. Terry has made some initial updates to the handbook verbiage, but this was a lengthy discussion and one that may need to also be addressed in upcoming school board meetings.

Fr. Robert closed the meeting at 8:00 with prayer and prayer requests.