

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2021

6:00-7:30PM

Council Members Present: Daniel Thiel (Trustee Secretary), Elizabeth Strick, Erin Rosales (Chair), Alex Barker (Co-chair), Mark Mongin, Deacon Mike Eash and Guest: Anna Cihlar

Council Members Absent: John Zadrazil, Chong Ly, Sue Coyle, Anne Staelens

Meeting was called to order by Erin Rosales at 6:00PM.

Opening Prayer was led by Deacon Eash.

Agenda was motioned for approval by Mark. Seconded by Alex.

May and June Meeting minutes were moved for approval by Mark. Seconded by Elizabeth.

**Potential New Members – Welcome:** Anna was welcomed to the meeting to observe. She was provided introductions to each member present and introduced herself. The roles and responsibilities of Pastoral Council were reviewed with her.

### **PMP and Parish Report – Deacon Mike:**

PMP wrapped up. Members agreed to an advisory council to Deacon Mike, for which he was appreciative. Three main themes were identified throughout the PMP process.

- 1.) Leadership
- 2.) Evangelization
- 3.) Abundant Sunday Experience (how to provide best opportunity to know God – personal invitation is how to pull that off.)  
Need staff, committees and council on board with this. Webinar putting initiative forward “Every given Sunday” – media blitz. Parish will send mailings, have banners, yard signs intended to call people back to church.  
Prior to the pandemic 20-30% of all Catholics in the diocese came to attend Mass on Sundays. Since the Pandemic, only 60% of those returned back. This initiative will culminate on the last Sunday of September.

Deacon Mike reports that there has been an increase in Mass attendance as a whole since our reopening in the Spring. Deacon did submit a note to the bulletin this week addressing families in church. Reported that our plan is to switch from a maintenance church to a mission church.

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Education/Discipleship (Dan):** Dan reported that he had sent out an e-mail to all the key players of the education/discipleship group. He had asked if there was any interest in any of them becoming a member of pastoral council, to act as liaison to the education/discipleship group. There were no responses to this e-mail.

**Worship (Alex):** Alex reports that he needs to touch base with Sherry Zwicky to see if Worship Committee can be rekindled. Alex did report he recommends using Catalyst resources to evaluate our Sunday experience and gather ideas to change.

**Living Justice (Mark):** Reached out to social justice. Mark did an overture on pastoral council, nobody was interested to liaison from that group. The group did provide updates on several upcoming activities this coming year.

- 1.) Planning for service Sunday last weekend of September
- 2.) Habitat for Humanity build upcoming in September/October
- 3.) Floss collection for Friends of Haiti is underway
- 4.) Doing a Laudato Si study (do 2 educational studies/year)
- 5.) Prison Ministry has restarted

**Evangelization (Elizabeth):** Elizabeth reported missing the evangelization meeting this past week. She did report though that the Youth group had a Bonfire event in August. Half the attendees were parishioners and half were non parishioners. A Neenah Parish has started to model events after St. Bernard's. There is an upcoming Door to Door- Welcoming people back to church. One outing will be in September and one will be in October.

**Faith and Family Life (Elizabeth):** Young families will be coming for backpack blessing at the end of August. She is asking for young people to volunteer for this event. Phone initiatives to reach out to young families will be starting soon.

**Pastoral Care (Deacon Mike):** Deacon Mike informed us that Jenny Rodrigues is doing adoration right after liturgy of the word the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays through September. She volunteered independently for this.

**Parish Planning:** Liaison absent – no report.

**Operations:** Liaison absent – no report.

Closing Prayer was led by Erin Rosales.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next meeting September 21, 2021 at 6PM.