

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

May 17, 2017



Pastoral Council in Attendance: Fr. Bill Burkert, Lucy Birschbach, Nancie Chmielewski, Jackie Dombrowski, David Hansen, Mary Beth Javorek, Brad Julga, Roger Julga, Candy Krepel, Pat McKay, Brian Neal, Phil Pares, Judeen Schulte, Cathie Slater, Chuck Thimmesch

Not Present: Brad Julga, Sherrie Jacomet

Prayer: Brad Julga provided the prayer; Roger Julga led it.

Pastoral Transition Committee Report: Nancie Chmielewski, Jackie Dombrowski, Chuck Thimmesch, and Judeen Schulte reported on the May 3rd meeting. A draft of the invite was passed around for the Hello Goodbye Party on the weekend of June 17th after all Masses. It will be a party saying Goodbye to Father Bill and Welcoming Nancie as the Parish Director. The flyer is designed to put more emphasis on Nancie's new role as Parish Director and less on Father Bill presiding as an Assisting Priest. The invite will be edited and go into the bulletin.

Nancie is preparing a statement for the bulletin and website explaining the transition. Nancie's letter about her new role was in the last monthly email. There have also been announcements at each Mass. However, to assure all people are aware of the upcoming transitions, we will continue to provide multiple communications. To accommodate the Hello/Goodbye party, Community Weekend will be moved to June 17th and 18th.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Bill talked a little about the security system that is installed with videocams throughout the building. A goal is to assure safety for people coming and going in hours of darkness; for example, people who are arriving early in the morning to set up for early mass or leaving after the evening masses.

Finance Council: Chuck Thimmesch sent out the minutes to everyone. Income has still been over expenses, which remains positive. The next Financial Update will be weekend of June 24 & 25. The Committee is making the report it later because we have a favorable balance.

Building and Grounds: Thimmesch reported the Improvement Fund continues to go up about \$4,000.00 a month. As of the end of April, it was at about \$138,000.00 and there are no new requests. The plan is to paint the I Beams as they are looking shabby although they are structurally sound. Painting them will run about \$10,000.0

Formation: Dave Hansen let us know that 9 children are receiving First Communion on May 14th. May 15th was the last Movie Night for the season. Taylor Baar will be taking over as the Youth Minister, replacing Mary Osep.

Discipleship Institute: Cathie Slater told us that they are doing the Fall planning and working on the brochures. The DI Team will lead reflections on each person's Call to Discipleship after the liturgy celebrations on Pentecost, June 3rd and 4th. Parish Ambassadors training will start up in the fall and would like to have a meeting in October, date not confirmed yet. The Discipleship

Institute will be gradually taking over the adult formation. Beginning now, the team will absorb some of the duties such as registrations.

Liturgy: Candy Krepel spoke about Holy Week and how each of the celebrations went; everyone was very pleased with each event and excited about the great attendance at the Easter vigil. The Committee is discussing the fact that symbolism is something many people do not fully understand. So, the Committee will be putting more emphasis on it by exploring how the various symbols (such as water, fire) and how they fit into the liturgy and what the mean.

Social Justice: Pat McKay thanked the people who helped with the planting of the tree, especially Phil Pares and Brad Julga. Nancie Chmielewski led the prayer at the ceremony. Tom Schroeder helped with everything such as the purchase of the tree, planting and giving the instructions on its care.

The Committee is meeting with Nancie and GIFT to bring awareness to Human Trafficking and Health Care. They are also looking at different things to get involved with. They have been checking on the Bridge Act, so far, the House has 25 co-sponsors for it.

Parish Life Committee: Lucy Birschbach is planning to send an email to the different committees to see if they need help with their committees and if there are any issues going forward.

Parish Council Membership and Elections/Discernment: All people on the Pastoral Council plan to serve another term except Candy Krepel. We discussed whether to hold an election to replace Krepel. The general consensus was that we really have enough people to fulfill the functions of the Council. We also agreed that maintaining our current membership may be beneficial as we transition to having a Parish Director. We will revisit this decision in the coming year. As always, if anyone wants to come and observe the meetings, they are welcome. Notices are up with the date and time of the next meeting.

Discipleship Request for "Advertisement." The Discipleship Institute has requested a description of what we do for the church to be used during Ministry Fairs. We agreed to the following: "The Pastoral Council is parishioners representing parishioners who set direction for the ministries of the parish. Members serve a 3-year term. Meets monthly, except July and August."

Next Meeting: June 21.

Prayer for next meeting: Judeen Schulte

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Javorek