

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Room C-103 7:00 pm

1. Formation

Brendan Fitzgibbon

2. Finance

Sean Moynihan and John Zolper

- Unrestricted income is increasing as people are shifting away from the envelopes and towards Faith Direct. Other income from the ministries includes items such as fees from the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Out of parish school fees have been shifted to the parish as the parish runs the facilities. This is a change from last year.
- Expenditures include the diocesan assessment of 8% of the offertory collections and not the retirement contributions. Also included is the 5% tithing allocation.
- For July 01, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the estimated budget will include a \$234,000.00 shortfall. This will be the smallest projected shortfall in the last few years. Note that through judicious spending, great care, and additional donations, last year ended with a \$100,000.00 surplus. Cash reserves have risen from ½ month two years ago to two months today.
- The Capital Improvements have been prioritized, with the boilers at the top of the list, followed by the roof and the rectory. Quotes for the work are underway. The downstairs bathroom has not been completed and therefore will show up in the 2025 budget, but money has been allocated for this completion.
- The trend in attendance is about average for the diocese.

3. Prayer

Theresa Croson

4. School Update

Gabriela Parks

- Enrollment is just 25 students away from capacity, with openings in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grades.
- The staff still has some openings, with the 4th grade position pending acceptance, the 5th grade position, the part time middle school math, some teaching assistants, and a staff slot still open.
- The pandemic seems not to have had an effect on the students, as they have the highest scores in the diocese in the three testing areas. In the high school placement tests, 13 of the students scored 95 or above, earning 11 scholarships.
- School is scheduled to start in the middle of August.

5. Review Minutes

Eduardo Sevilla

- Motion to accept made, seconded, and approved

6. PTPO Update

Brendan for Malia Collins/Rebecca Bordener

- Completed events: Field day, with the Kona ice cream truck, was a big hit. The 8th grade graduation used rented gowns but new stoles were purchased and will be reused in future

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graduations. Dining for dollars gathered money. The regular coffees continued, and a farewell for the outgoing staff.

- Upcoming events: The picnic on the green is being moved to the gym due to the heat wave. The cookies will transfer no problem. The new families luncheon is open to all families, June 25 at Dave and Busters. The Used Uniform Sale will be on July 26.
- The board will be transformed over the summer with the changing membership.

7. Commission Reports (Questions or Discussion): Written reports received Tuesday of week of meeting

- Community Service: Theresa Croson
 - No questions or additions
- Religious Education: Andrea Kramer
 - We still need adult help with the vacation bible school (½ days, but all five days).
- Community Growth: Betsy Zolper
 - No questions of additions
- Worship: Pam Burke
 - Done meeting; no report
- Youth: Sarah Kirk
 - Moving forward with vigor.
 - The Work Camp on Saturday will have 30 people (8 students and 3 adults from St Mark)
 - 70 going to Steubenville from 5 parishes

8. Old Business:

- How to distribute meeting minutes following monthly meeting?
 - It is on the website. The Secretary will send a copy of final approved reports.
- Fall Festival Planning
 - Sean Monyihan taking the leadership position. Much of the work is being done via email. The rides have been locked down (thanks Sam) and Crystal has the contracts. If you want to volunteer, contact Sean via email.

9. New Business:

- June 22 Pilgrimage volunteer opportunities include putting food in the refrigerators, putting out the tablecloths, and showing the thirty priests where to go and sit. Food is buffet style. Please arrive at 11:30 as it starts just after mass. Note that it has been moved to the gym due to the heat.

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Some aid and assistance may be required. The entire event should wrap up at 2:00 pm. Cookies are due on Friday in the parish kitsch to assist in early distribution.

10. Eyes and Ears

- The school recycling plan needs improvement or scrapping. The recycling company has sent complaints about cross contamination of the recyclables and does charge penalty fees. Thermal receipts, for example, are not recyclable. Either a better separation system is required, a different vendor may be required, or another alternative option.
- The lack of memorial candles. Is there a possibility of electric candles? Is the book of intercessions an acceptable alternative?
- Altar servers: we need a head to spearhead and energize the group. Students do get a special photo in the yearbook. The problem is with the parents providing a ride to church. The new coordinator might have the parents carpool to the service.
- Baccalaureate for Madison High School). Libby Root was selected as the Catholic speaker. Talking about faith, it was uplifting and inspirational. She stressed staying connected to your faith as you move off to college.

11. Closing Prayer: Father Pat

Meeting ends at 8:15

Next Meeting: September 19, 2024 Room C-103 7:00PM