

Pastoral Council Date- January 28, 2025 7:30 PM Holtman Hall Classroom

Members Attending- Ben, Briannah, Marilyn, Patsy, Linda, Jackie, Rommy, Fr. Darius

Opening Prayer

Approval of minutes- Marilyn made a motion minutes be approved. Briannah seconded.

Pastor's Report – Church renovations need to be made. The renovation project was put on hold after the pandemic because of prices. The Facility committee can review what the plans were with the pastoral & finance councils. Feb. 5 is a deanery meeting for Lenten season. Bishop Vasquez is leaving and becoming the bishop of the Arch Diocese of Houston. Fr. James Misko will be in charge. The bishop opened the door for the Jubilee Year but may need adjustments due to his absence. Veronica Barrera is bilingual and is interested in helping with Spanish translations. Julie from String Prairie has started the Gabriel Project through the diocese. She is looking for bilingual people for this project. Kyle Hammons will be ordained a permanent deacon March 1. He will be a liturgical coordinator.

The finance council is asking each committee to have a finance budget by March 31. Susan Masur shared the wedding guidelines created by a committee from both parishes so the information would match.

Confirmation is March 15

Committee Reports:

- Liturgical – EIM training in February. Meeting for lectors, ushers, EM in February. Marilyn has created a liturgical handbook.
- Lectors/Greeters/Ushers
- Sacristan
- Social - We had our annual Prison Ministry Angel Tree sponsorship and donation collection this past November and December. We sponsored 8 families with a total of 22 children. Each child received gifts from two sponsors. We collected \$1760 in cash donations that were divided amongst the 8 families. Each family received a Walmart gift card for \$220 and a ham that was donated by the Knights of Columbus. The gifts were delivered by Stephen Til, David Til, Augie Boer, Rodney Kadura and Tracie Kadura.

We have the annual Stroke Scan scheduled for Saturday February 15 in the school hall. There will be a representative from Stroke Scan to make an announcement at each Mass on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd.

- Facilities – The repavement of the parking lot is done. Damien was informed of church renovation plans. Damien is working with Hispanic committee for fundraiser.
- Education – 21 people in OCIA. 20 in confirmation class.
 - Hispanic- working on fundraising for April 27 (Jamaica) from 12-6 pm. There are plans for food kiosks. The

committee will have a meeting with Damien & Alois. May need to get permits & insurance for bouncy house.

Old Business

- Recommendations to Fr. for mission statement & purpose with objectives – send to Father.
- Objectives / Targets- Excel spreadsheet had items that were addressed.

Outline for the current year

Define success

List others / maybe long-term

- Committee Fair – Set a date for September. Create a committee by the April meeting to develop this. Have members from each committee on this committee.

New Business

- Elections in April. Addressing the process 3.3 Member Selection- The Pastor appoints members to the Council but will endeavor to use a nomination process or procedure that the Council will develop in collaboration with the Pastor.

-Put in bulletin in March for volunteers. We need to have a form for volunteers to fill out & pulpit announcement.

Jackie made a motion to amendment 3.3 through discernment process w/ 4 chosen by the pastoral council & 3 by pastor.

(Volunteers will be presented before council) Linda seconded the motion. This will be worked on.

- Discuss and review Excell Worklist open/closed issues
- Church Wedding Guidelines- See attachment

- Safety- Ben will talk with someone to head a committee on this.
- Mental Health- Mental Health First Aid 101 training- Karey Klaus works with diocese.
- Looking at an internet service

Schedule for the next meeting- Try for meeting on Thursday.
Closing prayer

February 12, 2025

Jackie's amendment for nomination was seconded by Linda. Rommy discussed not changing what is already in place. Fr. will make the final decision for nominations. Fr. will decide on the best interest of parish. Fr. said diocese encourages pastor to be in charge. The church is not democratic. We must follow the diocese. Jackie said the diocese does want parish involved in nomination process through discernment. Pastoral Council may choose members & pastor picks others. Ben said as a fledging council we need to stay the same. Vote was 2 for new nomination & 4 against.

How do we move forward with enough candidates & presentations to parish? A form has been created. Jackie recommended to create calendar for this event. Maybe the pastoral council & finance council could do this together.

New members will be notified by June 15. Father makes final decisions June 1. By May 15 have names of finalists. March 1 have nomination form out & presentation to the parishioners. March 31 nominations close. We will meet at the beginning of April to look at candidates.

Calendar for both churches posted online is a recommendation. James Page said an option is Ministry Platform. It has an events manager tool. Jackie showed us Ascension's calendar & she will research it. Wifi option has been in use with St. Mary's with ATT & hot spots. Patsy & Jackie said Starlink was very good.