

## Pastoral Council Meeting April 9, 2024 7:30 PM

Members: Ben Gutierrez, Brianna Halm, Jackie May, Patsy Meuth, Linda Kutach, Rommy McDonald, Marilyn Klaus

Attending: Fr. Darius, Ben Gutierrez, Jackie May, Patsy Meuth, Linda Kutach, Rommy McDonald, James Page

The meeting was called to order by James Page and it was opened with a prayer.

James explained the council function as an advisory group to Fr. Darius. We are to always be looking for the next council member. The pastoral chair is ex-officio to the finance council. The pastoral council and finance council interact with existing programs, new and updated programs, and making sure the finance council can provide funds. Jackie asked if there was training for the council and Linda had emailed the diocese (Russell Hoyt) and he said there was no training. James said the council will meet 4 times a year. There can be informal meetings between the quarterly meetings but no action can take place. Fr. Darius must be present for any actions. James explained the difference between a council and committee.

Fr. Darius assigned Ben Gutierrez as the chair and Briannah Halm as the vice-chair. The members selected Linda Kutach as the secretary.

Ben set the next pastoral meeting for July 9 at 7:00/7:30. Quarterly meetings will be the second Tuesday.

James noted by-law 5.2 that the agenda for the quarterly meetings need to be posted 2 weeks ahead of time through the bulletin, posted in the narthex, and on the website.

Discussion was held how to allow parishioner input per bylaw 2.1.3.

- Sign-up sheets before the meeting only allowing discussion of agenda items.
- Time limit for discussion
- Suggestion box (Linda with work with Davey Tucker on the box)
- Website link with email address

Ben initiated discussion on committee proposals. Fr. discussed how the sacristan and liturgical roles was imminent. After discussion, the following committees were proposed:

- Liturgical
- Sacristan
- Facilities
- Social
- Lectors/Greeters/Ushers
- Education

James said each committee should develop a document for roles, guidelines, recommendations, etc. Jackie will call the asst. liturgical director at the diocese for input about the sacristan and liturgical committees.

James discussed Ministry Platform program becoming available to the parish in July to aid in administering church groups.

Pastoral Council Assignments:

- We will reach out to people we believe may have an interest in these committees and ask if they would be available in developing the roles/assignments. Patsy will ask Don & Marilyn Klaus about the Lectors/Greeters/Ushers committee. Patsy will ask Cindy Hammons if she would be interested in the Sacristan committee.
- A vision and mission statement are required per by-law 2.1.1. We will find models of vision and mission statements from other pastoral councils.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 with a prayer.