

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022
7:00 PM – Parish Office Conference Room

Council Members in Attendance: Dennis Hively, Eric Watkins, Sue Johnson, Mark Sanda, Rob Fafinski, Ken Forner, Kayla Pascoe, Bill and Jean Van Hecke. **Pastor:** Father Tony VanderLoop

Mission Statement:

Guardian Angels exists to reach out from the Altar of Christ to educate, serve, and evangelize.

As Catholics, we come together around the Altar of Christ to be nourished and fed by both Word and Sacrament. However, we cannot stay here, we cannot limit ourselves to receiving, for we are called to go back into the world and make a difference. We accomplish this by educating, serving and evangelizing, confident that God's spirit of generosity will permeate our hearts and minds to make a difference in the world!

1. Opening Prayer - 7:15 - Eric Watkins

2. General Housekeeping

A. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Acceptance of the October Minutes moved by Sue Johnson, seconded by Jean Van Hecke, and passed unanimously.

B. Opening Prayer for December

Kayla Pascoe volunteered for the opening prayer in December.

3. Open Forum – Questions/comments From Parishioners

There is a desire for something that could be placed in the basket for those that electronically give. New laminated e-giving card will be reinstated. New cards will be bilingual.

4. New Business

A. Parish Festival, update

Ken Forner presented an after action report on the parish festival. Observations from the after action committee meeting were presented. Having two tents with one tent for the kids games was generally appreciated. More lights may be needed on the west end (bingo). Car show was a success this year. There were not enough parking spots, so it is possible that space could be increased. The shuttle bus between the three events that day was also used to get to the parish festival. Bottle blast was the top game. Apple crisp was made onsite and was sold out early. Ecuadorian dance performers came after mass, and were generally well received, though the lighting was not ideal. Next year may try to have the Hispanic entertainment in the afternoon. Other possibilities include straw bale maze and Christian rock music. Raffle will be started earlier next year. Advertising and representation at earlier Chaska events would be beneficial. Subcommittee head volunteer positions were identified and recruitment for these positions is

open. No individuals have been identified thus far. During the car show in particular, the attendance was steady.

B. Stewardship Time and Talent Feedback

Stewardship drive included a newsletter, a booklet, a financial statements, online giving guide, and time and talent sign up. Next year we would like to have testimonies again. Some new volunteers were identified. Parishioners feel valued and trusted when financial information is given. Scott's presentation was effective. Spontaneous giving could be increased by including QR code in the pews. Kayla will mock up a QR code for the pews.

Envelopes are currently sent out to all families registered with the parish six times a year. The cost is approximately \$5 per family/year. A list of current and possible special second collection envelopes was provided by Fr. VanderLoop. Recommendations included removing the Memorial Day and All Souls envelopes, adding a disaster relief envelope, and indicating particular giving envelopes for specified local organizations. Ideally many of these would become a non-cash basket collection. A number of possible items to focus on in order to increase giving and participation. A communications committee could be helpful to increase donations of time, talent, and treasure. Estate planning seminars and end of year wish lists were identified as possible sources of one time gifts. Fr. VanderLoop will reach out to David Pascoe for a letter regarding IRA rollover giving.

C. Needs of School Age Families

Encounter has been trained and is up and running, but does not appear to have the reach that would be desired. Good turnout seems to be correlated to events with meals. The cost and time may be prohibitive. Promoting childcare is helpful to remove additional barriers to the encounter program. Dennis will look into Knights of Columbus helping with food service.

5. Updates

A. Archdiocese Communication App

The My Parish App is what is used by the archdiocese and has been made available to parishes free of charge. Upkeep takes an average of one hour a week for a staff person. My Parish App is used by a number of local parishes and is very well like by those who use it. The ability to sync between the app and the website is based on how the website was built. App can link to YouTube or other videos. St. Joesph in Waconia could not speak highly enough of the app or the support. There does not appear to be a major downside to beginning a beta program. Next step would be to determine update compatibility with our current website.

B. Evangelization Team

Parish was tasked with putting together a 12 person evangelization team to participate in a seven week training, followed by a 40 day challenge and a parish wide discernment. More than enough people stepped forward to participate.

C. Coffee and Doughnuts - December 4

Bill and Jean VanHecke will pick up doughnuts.

Mark Sanda, Sue Johnson, and Ken Forner will serve after 8am mass.

Rob Fafinski and Kayla Pascoe will server after 10am Mass.

D. Other

Fr. VanderLoop is looking to begin providing the chalice again at Mass in February.

Happy feet soccer has signed a year long lease for the gym. Time and dates are still being negotiated.

5. Closing Prayer

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Next Scheduled Parish Pastoral Council meeting is December 20th at 7:00pm