

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 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 November Minutes passed unanimously.

B. Opening Prayer for December

Denis Hively volunteered for the opening prayer in November.

3. Open Forum – Questions/comments From Parishioners

One new lector has signed up. A mini-brush up for ministers has been suggested. This will be especially important for Eucharistic ministers as the chalice should be reinstated by Easter. It has been suggested that the trainings be separate for lectors and Eucharistic ministers.

We are in search of new homebound ministers. Generally homebound ministers go straight from the 8am Mass on Sundays to visit the homebound of the parish.

4. Updates

A. ERC Check

Our final ERC check was higher than expected. It was placed in the church's savings account. The Parish is currently updating the computer, internet, and phone system in order to serve the community. This check along with budget management in other areas should cover the cost.

B. School Front Steps

Ongoing deterioration to the school front steps has required that the front steps be closed to all but emergency access. This includes both the top of the stairs and the entry underneath. Door 9, adjacent to the school parking lot, is the new entrance to the school for faith formation, etc.

Parish discernment is required before plans to repair the stairs can be made. Current estimate to repair the steps is \$120,000.

#### C. Lynch Feasibility Study Report

The Lynch Feasibility Study indicated that the top 100 donors would be likely to provide significant support, but there is less support expected for the remaining parishioners. There is a possibility that a rental agreement with a preschool could be in the future, but below zero rent may be required in the short term.

#### D. Progress on Hiring New Maintenance Engineer

Search is ongoing. The listing has been posted on the Guardian Angels and archdiocesan website. This position has been advertised as up to full time. The goal is to have someone hired prior to Happy Feet lease beginning after the first of the year.

#### E. App Update

Staff is not enthusiastic regarding a new app. Pastoral Council has reiterated its desire to have an app to reach out to new, existing, and young members. Lori Forner reminded the parish that a number of time redundancies can be eliminated through the use of the app. The addition of volunteers to assist the staff was recommended. It was proposed that one or two members of the Parish Council attend the next staff meeting to express the desire for this technology directly.

### 5. Closing Prayer

9:11

Next Scheduled Parish Pastoral Council meeting is January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm