**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

April 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chuck.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Jerry, Deacon John, Steve Browning, Genny Cretella, Al Duke, Mic Griben, Rick Heiland, Terri Horrigan, Keith Huffer, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray

Members Absent: None

Minutes Approval: The minutes of March 1, 2022, were approved unanimously on a motion by Mic, seconded by Terri.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

Father Chuck thanked all those who were able to attend the Pastoral Visit in March.

About 20 people attended the Regional Synod meeting. About 25-30 people responded to the questions in the Flocknote. This report will be submitted to the Archbishop.

The Consecration Mass on the 25th for peace in the Ukraine and Russia was attended by about 100 people. The Consecration prayer was said.

The numbers continue to go up at Mass.

Holy Week is next week.

Deacon Jim will be ordained on Saturday, May 21. He will be here to say Mass on Saturday, May 28. As yet he has not been given an assignment.

Father Brendan has been named the rector of the Basilica in Baltimore.

Father Jim, the current rector, will be discerning at the Carmelite Hermitage in Minnesota.

The parish social event is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, from 6-10 PM. The theme will be country/western.

Committee Reports

Bicentennial (2023) / Gloria

The Committee is still looking for volunteers. The Historical Committee is asking people for memories; some people want to submit them in writing and this is being accommodated. The Bicentennial $100 Club (numbers will be 00-99) will be offered regularly. We discussed that other parishes use this type of fundraiser. Fr Chuck wanted to double check that the parish’s gambling license was up to date and Terri agreed to call Liz Hunter to double check. The next meetings will be 4/26 and 6/14.

Education / Terri, Genny

Children’s Religious Ed/Stacy Wright

* + First  Communion Retreat was last Saturday and was very successful.  There were 26 out of 28 children in attendance.
  + Children’s Stations of the Cross was on March 25th.  Deacon John was great as always!
  + First communion practice will be April 29th and First Communion is April 30th at 10:00 am.
  + Both Faith Formation and Children’s Liturgy ends on April 24th until September.
  + VBS will be June 20-24

Youth Ministry/Kevin Parker

* + Fourteen students attended the Edge Day retreat on April 2.
  + The Confirmation retreat will be held April 8-10 at Summit Lake in Emmitsburg.

  Adult Ed/Carolyn Nolan

* + RCIA - we will baptize two adults and welcome four adults at the Easter Vigil on April 16.  The class would like to start a young adult group post RCIA!  Carolyn will be working with them to get this ball rolling.
  + Hebrews bible study will conclude on April 20.  We will begin the Fall study with *Four Last Things:  Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.*
  + Women's Group - Carolyn found a good resource for women to gather to study, *Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak.* This study will most likely begin in the Fall.

Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

Finance / Mic

Nothing to report.

Health and Safety

The grant to place bollards in front of doors on campus that could be subject to a crash attack has been submitted. The grant regarding video surveillance for the campus and the church has also been submitted.

Hospitality (remains in abeyance)

Liturgy / Deacon John

Holy Week is being planned.

On Monday evening there will be no evening Mass as the clergy will be attending the Chrism Mass in Baltimore.

The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 8 PM. The Easter Sunday Masses will be 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said between the 8:00 and the 11:00 Masses.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9.

Maintenance / Doug

The walk through of the campus was done, mostly outside stuff was looked at.

Waiting for warmer weather to begin working projects.

The major landscaping will be done by a contractor, beginning in the next day or two. The major growth of plants will be cleaned up. Several of the Stations of the Cross in the Grotto need to be reset.

Planning / Keith

The walk through of the campus was done on March 22. Updated capital reserve planning worksheets will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

We are still awaiting the materials for the roof repairs.

There is an added project for planning – to construct an archives room in the basement of the church.

Social Concerns / Deacon Jerry

Nothing to report. The next meeting will be in May.

Vocations

Nothing to report.

Fr. Chuck noted that National Vocations Day is the first Saturday in May. The Archbishop will be coming to say Mass.

Old Business

Pastoral Council election / Keith

The election will be held on May 14/15. The question was raised as to how many positions are vacant that require election. Al said he would get this information to all.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Gloria and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Closing prayer: Deacon Jerry

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at May 3, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting.