**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2023

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

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Chuck.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon John, Deacon Jerry, Rick Heiland, Steve Browning (by phone), Al Duke, Olusola Falodun, Mic Griben, Terri Horrigan, Doug Koch, Ryan Reid, Samantha Reid, Cris Upperman

Members Absent: Gloria Murray

Minutes

The minutes of January 2023 were approved on a motion by Mic, seconded by Steve, and by a vote of 9-0.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

Lent is coming up. Lenten Fish Fry’s will be regular sit-down dinners. They will start the second Friday of Lent.

Father Chuck read the annual report for 1937. The income for the year was $2000. There were 78 men, 80 women, and 96 children in the parish. There were 18 children in Sunday School and 18 attended the Academy.

Bicentennial Committee

The 4th raffle starts this coming Sunday.

Ruth met with Ryan Danieley. It was suggested that the bench be put right in the front of the garden at the parish center.

The foundation of the parish center may have to be dug out due to moisture in the basement. Perhaps it could be incorporated into the project. There is time to consider other options.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

Children’s Education

Stacy Wright

* There was a “Cards and Crafts Service Night” last Friday - children made cards and crafts for Seminarians, Religious Sisters, Deacons and residents at Lorien Nursing Home.
* Scouting Sunday will be Feb 12th, Father will say a blessing for Scouts.
* “Rise up Family Lenten Adventure” will be Feb 24th.
* On Feb 23rd there will be a parent meeting for First Communion Parents.

Youth Education

Kevin Parker

The following is a recap of what occurred with our youth so far this year:

* We did our Live Nativity after the Christmas concert. About 100 attended
* Started the new year with a family potluck dinner, approximately 100 attended.
* Hosted Shaohanah Faith, Regional Coordinator of “Students for Life”, to talk at one of our ANCHOR nights about the tragedy of abortion.
* Conducted a Young Apostle Boot Camp to our 11th and 12th grade peer ministers to provide formation in facilitating small group discussions, preparing and giving testimonies, and leadership. Eight of our fifteen YAs attended.
* Kicked off our Confirmation Prep program (21 candidates this year) with a series of meetings for parents, Parent/candidates, and parent/sponsors. Our Monday-evening classes began 3 weeks ago.
* We took 42 high-schoolers and chaperones to the Mount 2000 retreat (this past weekend).
* Signed up to attend the Steubenville Youth Conference in June. To date there are 37 teens and chaperones signed up to attend.

Significant events on the horizon that we are beginning to plan:

* Formation workshop for our CORE team (20 adult volunteers) this Saturday
* Confirmation retreat at the end of March
* EDGE retreat for our middle-schoolers in beginning of April.
* Appalachia home repair mission trip in July

Adult Education

Carolyn Nolan

* RCIA still has one catechumen and two candidates for the Easter Vigil.  We will be going on retreat on March 4.  There is one more candidate to be received into the Church early this Fall.
* Adult Study on *The Four Last Things* will conclude our 20-week study on February 8.
* Lenten Bible Study will be offered beginning March 8 on *Holy Is His Name* by Scott Hahn
* Seniors Retiree Group continues to meet monthly with social, educational and outreach opportunities.
* Women's Group continues to meet once a month to discuss *The Supreme Vocation of Women*
* Marriage and Baptism Preparation are on-going as needed.
* Deacon Jerry and Carolyn continue to serve as Advocates for the Tribunal to assist people seeing annulments.

Evangelization Committee (remains in abeyance)

Finance Committee

Mic noted that there was a meeting on the 31st of January.

The Committee will work with Liz to identify major repairs in the budget.

The Committee reviewed the Archdiocesan audit. There were no major issues.

Health and Safety Committee

Regarding the DHS non-profit grant – we will reapply for that.

The grant for the doors has been approved and the doors will be coming.

Regarding the security concerns at the Adoration Chapel, the Committee decided that the FOSCAM system was the best one to meet our needs and we will go with that.

Performed a campus walk-through with the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department. An emergency action plan will be developed. Bollards were recommended to be installed at the Adoration Chapel and the Parish Center. Areas where parking should not be allowed due to fire requirements were noted.

Mary Beth will provide First Aid kits as needed.

To have state troopers stationed at the crosswalk during services and events would cost from $45 to $115 an hour, depending on rank and needs.

Next meeting is 2/21/23.

Liturgy Committee

Met January 9, 2023.

Still looking for ushers and greeters and 5 PM Mass.

Mass attendance was up 444 over last year at Christmas.

The Lay Ministry retreat has been moved from 2/4 to 3/25/23.

Lent is coming. Live streaming will occur for Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday.

The Ministry Fair is set for 8/26-27/23.

Next meeting is 3/13/23.

Maintenance Committee

The roofs are done. Spouts and ice breaks on church tower were done. Came in under budget.

Railings will be put in on the stairs between the office and the Parish Center.

The next big project is the parish office building.

The parking lots may be next after the office. This is an item for the Planning Committee.

Planning Committee (nothing to report)

Social Concerns

The committee met last month – donated 640 coats; there are 15 families in need that will be supported by the Christmas giving tree; there will also be an elderly giving tree; rice bowls are for Catholic Relief Services. The January distribution of funds to various organizations was $50,000

Vocations Committee

Fr. Chuck noted that Angel and Mike Misulia will be ordained as deacons this year.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Planning Day date was changed from Saturday, March 18, to Saturday, March 25. It will begin with Mass at 8 AM, continuing with breakfast and the Council meeting at 9. All committees should present their goals and objectives for the Fiscal Year 2024. There will not be a regular meeting in March.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by Mic, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. The next meeting is Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Closing prayer: Deacon Jerry

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at May 2, 2023, Pastoral Council meeting.