**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

March 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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, Keith Huffer, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray

Members Absent: Terri Horrigan

Minutes Approval: The minutes of February 1, 2022, were approved unanimously on a motion by Gloria, seconded by Keith.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

Pastoral Visits are starting again. The visit to St. Peter’s is March 8, from 1 to 5 PM. Please let Liz know if you will be able to attend. The meetings are in 1 ½ hour blocks so you can pick a block to attend that fits your schedule.

Lent starts tomorrow.

The focus group information from the Synodal Process was sent out in the Flocknote. Several responses were received. The regional synodal meeting will be held later this month.

Committee Reports

Bicentennial (2023)

The response to Ruth’s letter was minimal. We will decide next week on the Carnival, picnic, and an event. The dinner party will be held. We would like to identify people with stories to tell about the parish. The interviews can be distributed in some print format or by video on the Narthex TV.

Education

Genny reports that the Youth Ministry participated, along with 5 other local parishes, in a day long retreat at St. Mary’s in Hagerstown. There were 15 participants from this parish.

A retreat for middle schoolers will be held at Summit Lake.

Fr. Chuck noted, for Stacy, that 25 families participated in the Journey to the Empty Tomb program.

Stacy is currently working on organizing Vacation Bible School.

Also, it was noted that the Adult Faith Formation class on the Book of Hebrews began on February 16.

Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

Finance

Mic said that the Finance Committee met on February 15. The parish finances are in good shape and at the present time we are $50,000 under budget.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Committee is meeting tonight. Bob Hurley is looking at a DHS (FEMA) grant regarding video surveillance for the campus and the church.

A grant has been submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to place bollards in front of doors on campus that could be subject to a crash attack.

Hospitality (remains in abeyance)

Liturgy

Deacon John said that Stations of the Cross would begin on Friday after the 8 AM and 7 PM Masses and this will continue all through Lent.

Holy Week status will be discussed at next month’s Pastoral Council meeting.

Maintenance

Doug said the Maintenance Committee was looking for people who could help in various maintenance and repairs around the campus.

The committee, along with the Planning Committee, will do a walk around on the campus to identify whatever issues might be observed.

There are two roofs that need to be replaced. The contractor will do one when sufficient materials have come in and will do the second when additional materials have been received.

Planning

Keith noted that the Committee will participate with the Maintenance Committee in the parish walk around.

Social Concerns

Deacon Jerry said that the committee would be meeting later this month.

Vocations

Fr. Chuck said that Deacon Jim will be ordained in June. We need to organize a reception for him.

Sister Bethany is taking her final vows here in July. The Sisters will hold a retreat day for young women and will have a holy hour for the parish.

Old Business

Pastoral Council election

The election information is going to Theresa for publication in the next couple of weeks.

Fr. Chuck updated us on Mr. Bowman’s circumstances. He is 87 and going strong and wants to repair his house and move back in.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Doug and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Closing prayer: Deacon John

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at April 5, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting.