

St. Charles Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Opening, Call to Order

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Time: 6: 30 PM

In Attendance:

Fr. Michael, Deacon Don, Bob James, Pat James, Mary Beth Briggs, Maureen Bochman, Andrea Scott, John McCormick, Mike Strub, Terry Strub, Bill Nottingham, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, David Scott, Scottie Paschall, Pat Hill, Tara Ashworth, Marta Rose, Brian Heath, Kim Heath, Leticia Palacio, Adela Montalvo, Jose Montalvo, Rob Harris, Marge Surran, Joan Natali, Jeanette Orze

Focus on Faith – Readings from March 17th Fifth Second Sunday of Lent. 1st Ezekiel 37:12-14; 2nd Romans 8:8-11; Gospel John 11:3-4, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Approval of February 20, 2024 meeting minutes- Moved Don Donovan, Second Rob Harris

Questions, Comments – 1. Advent dinner date is set for Sunday, December 1st

New Business:

1. First cut at constitution and by-laws update, to be discussed fully at April meeting- edits to portions of by-laws has been distributed. Pls review and be ready to discuss at the April meeting. Initial focus is on elections.

Old Business Update:

1. Diocesan Annual Appeal Contribution update will be in the bulletin this weekend. The QR codes will be left in the pew and in the back of church; envelopes can be collected after Easter to ‘clean up’ the pews. We are currently at 85% of our goal.

Finance Council Reported by: No report.

Archives Chair: Marge Surran - No specific report; Marge is keeping things in order and needs to file.

Ecumenical Chair: Mary Beth Briggs

Per Marta – Mary Beth has asked if someone will step in for Ecumenical. She has stations and palm Sunday organized. She has had some difficulty reaching some of the churches and is asking if anyone has some contacts. Joan will put a notice in the CC Happenings. MB will reach out to John McCormick to oversee stations.

Facilities Management Chair: Rob Harris

1. New stair lift in parish hall.
2. New ramp on parish hall to parking lot is still in permitting
3. Extension on rectory deck is also in permitting
4. Last check on church roof after rains shows the roof looks good. Some drywall was replaced and needs to be painted.
5. Maintenance group is being formed for quarterly events – April 14 is first meeting. Please let Rob Harris know if there is someone who wants to be on the group.
6. Glass doors for the church and some storage for the church are upcoming projects, per the finance council. Rob has asked for some guidance re: storage.
7. April 13th the ODU students are coming for a work event (funeral same day at 1:00)
8. Roof company has suggested gutters; financial council is evaluating
9. Maintenance attention forms will be in the back of church. Please complete if you see a problem you cannot fix. Complete and put in the safe so Marta can update.

Helping Hands Chair: Joan Natali - One of Joan’s meal clients will be admitted to Heritage Hall temporarily.

Hispanic Ministry: Chair: Adela and Jose Montalvo, Leticia Palacio

Bible study has begun – timing is being changed to monthly.

Our Lady of the Sorrows is being celebrated Friday at 7, dinner to follow

Easter Egg hunt after 4 pm Mass Easter Sunday

Migrant Ministry: Chair: Karey Fallon

Our first meeting of the 2024 Migrant Ministry season is on March 19. We will be setting our goals and schedule for the up coming season. First Mass of the season is Palm Sunday at Ames camp (6:30). Bishop said he will come at the end of season for a Sacramental Mass (August and September dates are being considered; probably at DelMonte camp).

Parish Life: Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott
St. Patrick's Dinner- Sunday, March 17th @. 5:00 in the Parish Hall.
The Knights cooked the Corned Beef Dinner. Marvin Milton did the shopping and was head chef in the kitchen. Andrea & David Scott oversaw the setup and purchasing items for the event.
50/50 Raffle raised \$220. \$110 went to a Guest of Maureen Bochman. Audrey Brinkley won the Irish Soda Bread, which was baked by Deirdre Purcell. Two sheet cakes were purchased from Nancy Vera.
There were 49 Adults, 5 Teen, 10 Children; Total. 64
March 9th, 2024 -Funeral Reception in the Parish Hall for the family of Mr. Gleason.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Scott & Jeanette Orzo

Religious Ed: Chair: Kevin Fallon
Religious Education
Classes continue to be held every other week through May 5, 2024. Class times are as follows:
Morning Sessions K-8: 10:00 AM to 11:15AM
Afternoon Session 9-12: 2:50 PM to 3:50 PM
Enrollment (24); Reconciliation/First Communion – 7; Family of Faith (non-sacramental formation) – 5; Confirmation - 12 (1 student is taking the class but not seeking confirmation yet)
Nine of our confirmands celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 16, 2024, at St Peter the Apostle church with Bishop Knestout, Fr Imperial, Fr Breslin and Fr. Guadalupe. Our remaining two confirmands will celebrate the sacrament during the Easter Vigil.
Current Catechists:
Judy Chuisano: Reconciliation and First Communion
Karey Fallon: Family of Faith (Non sacramental); Confirmation
Maureen Bochman: Family of Faith (Non sacramental)
Kevin Fallon: Confirmation
Laura Sherman Rudmin: Trained VIRTUS Parent for Afternoon Session
Adult Faith Formation
Introduction to the Bible by Ascension Press - We have two remaining classes for this faith formation journey. We have approximately 17 pilgrims journey through a bible timeline with Karen Leffel, 2 of which are non-catholics (yay for evangelization).

Fundraising: Chair: Tara Ashworth
Tara is working on creating a managed on-line giving program, to encourage visitors (giving electronically in the pew, or from the bulletin). Contracts are being signed and more information is to come.

Social Ministry: Chair: Mike Strub - Working on a fund distribution plan for July 1st calendar year.

Worship Chair: Open
Next meeting 2/27 11AM
Suggestion to change name to Liturgical Committee.
From last meeting, it was brought up that some people don't like the resurrected Jesus mural. There will be no banners this year.
Each committee has some autonomy for basic decisions, without needing to take each decision to P.C.

New Office Info: Chair: Marta Rose
1. Advanced medical directives, hospice, funeral planning meeting is being planned with Riverside to coordinate; date TBD – after Easter.

Secretary's Time: (clarification of notes taken, if necessary)

Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:

Adjourned : 7:40, Motion to adjourn – John McCormick; second Kim Heath.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 6:30PM

