

St. Charles Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**Opening, Call to Order**

Date: May 21, 2024

Time: 6: 30 PM

In Attendance:

**Fr. Michael, ~~Deacon Don~~, Bob James, Pat James, Andrea Scott, David Scott, John McCormick, Mike Strub, Terry Strub, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, ~~Tara Ashworth~~, Marta Rose, Brian Heath, ~~Kim Heath~~, Leticia Palacio, Adela Montalvo, ~~Jose Montalvo~~, Rob Harris, Marge Surran, ~~Joan Natali, Jeanette Orzo~~, Maria**

Focus on Faith – Readings for May 26, 2014 The Most Holy Trinity :

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 followed by discussion.

Approval of meeting minutes- Moved David Scott , Second Rob Harris

Questions, Comments –

**New Business:**

1. New Safe Environment Regulations July 1, 2024- Diocese has changed Virtus; there will be a refresher on line for applicable volunteers (every 5 years and a prompt will be sent). Adult altar servers will now be included in the applicable volunteers. There will now be background checks every year for the applicable adults. Fr. Michael will decide if other volunteers (ie, ushers, money counters) will be included.

**Old Business Update:**

1. Review of constitution and by-laws – we will try to consider the bylaws in sections. We are searching for a reasonable modification of the by-laws to reflect where this small, volunteer driven parish is today. The directive for each pc member is to compare current by-laws to Call to Serve, and come to next meeting prepared with opinion, questions.
  - A. First for consideration – attendance; keeping in mind that ministries are seasonal, we would like to make attendance more positive, not punitive.
  - B. Quorum – what should be the target number? Kevin Fallon has suggested changing to 6 for future meetings.
  - C. Elections – we attempted the full election system last spring. We did not have an election (with such a small parish, the effort was great, but still did not meet the election regulations). Kevin has suggested following Call to Serve process, adapt to our parish, and adopt is (most significant is the term of service 3 years).Discussion – questions about how tonight’s discussion is different from last month (mainly, last month was wide open to all the by-laws and tonight we are targeting select areas to discern)  
John McCormick gave some history for the reasons behind the bylaws (importantly, there would always be a rotation that allows for veteran and new members to overlap; so there will not be a brand new council, all at once)  
Rob Harris has suggested a small group to examine and suggest changes. We will determine, after the large group approach, if this is a better way to go.

**Finance Council** Reported by:

**Archives** Chair: Marge Surran

Marge reports she is keeping track of paperwork.

**Ecumenical** Chair: OPEN

**Homebound Visitation** Chair: OPEN

**Facilities Management** Chair: Rob Harris

Maintenance Season! YAY!

1. Church doors have been painted
2. Survey of property is underway, then there will be a suggestion for porch extension (rectory)
3. Rob suggests we need de-humidifiers

4. Sacristy repainted
5. Kevin is repairing the gate
6. No word on town inspecting the ramp that was completed last month.

**Helping Hands** Chair: Joan Natali

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

Bible Study is on pause. Holy hour on Friday night continues.

**Migrant Ministry:** Chair: Karey Fallon

Camp masses are being celebrated in Ames and Del Monte camps so far this season. St. Charles responsible camps are not yet opened. We are scheduled to hold weekly camp masses once opened, tentatively planned for Wednesdays.

**Parish Life:** Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – coordinated with KoC pancake breakfast and celebrated 59 year anniversary of Father's ordination – we thank you, Father, and ask the Lord to continue to bless you!!

**Religious Ed:** Chair: Kevin Fallon

Religious Education -

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)

The 2023 -2024 year came to an end on Mother's Day weekend with 7 students celebrating their First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion services were held during all 3 weekend masses. A big thank you to Fr Breslin and Fr Imperial for their guidance and direction!!

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 Education – The adult formation class 'Introduction to the Bible' held its last class on April 20, 2024

Approximately 17 pilgrims journeyed through a bible timeline with Karen Leffel, 2 of which are non-catholics (yay for evangelization). A big thank you to Karen for leading us on a wonderful journey!!

Evangelization -

**Fundraising:** Chair: Tara Ashworth

Octoberfest meetings have started; dates set; ordering has begun; raffle tickets will be on sale soon!

**Social Ministry:** Chair: Mike Strub

No new information.

**Worship** Chair: OPEN

**New Office Info:** Chair: Marta Rose

To be announced this weekend – online giving will begin (thank you, Marta and Tara!). Information cards will be in the pews. This is in addition to the current means of offering.

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

**Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:** Fr. offered prayers for Dick and Marge Surran, and a closing prayer for shut-ins and those in the hospitals.

**Adjourned :** 7:35

**Next Meeting:** June 18, 2024 6:30PM