



# Saint Bartholomew Church

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes Oct. 19, 2022

**Present:** Fr. Andrew Umberg, Kathy Rothschild (Business Manager), Jerry Yox, Joe Arnold, Joy Niehaus, Jon Tobin, new member Colleen Wietmarschen, Charlie McDonald, Secretary

**Absent:** Matt Jung, Ashley Evans, Ken Radziwon, Joanne Hauser

**Guests:** Bill Mauntel, Barb DeBurger

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by council chair Jerry Yox with Fr. Umberg saying the opening prayer. Note: the meeting was held in the office conference room.

- Approval of Aug and Sept 2022 Minutes – Some changes were discussed, which Charlie will make then submit to Fr. Umberg for final approval.
- Colleen Wietmarschen was introduced as a new member of Pastoral Council.
- All members and guests introduced themselves.

### Festival Update-Bill Mauntel

- Bill distributed a sheet to all showing final financial results of our 2022 festival.
- Total revenue was \$130,206 and net income was \$73,631. Two of our sister parishes ran the French Fry booth; after paying their share, a check for \$72,000 will be presented to St. Bartholomew.
- Festival attendance was so high this year that the line to get onto the grounds on Fri and Sat was usually quite long.
- Due to high attendance, we ran out of certain food items several times and had to purchase more. Overall, there were very few supplies of any kind left.
- The rides did very well
- Even though the Car Show is free, it brings in more festivalgoers who tend to spend money on the festival grounds.
- There were less kids' booths compared to previous years but they did very well.
- One problem was we only had 2 Explorers parking cars this year and it was hard for them to keep up with the large number of cars.
- Kathy Rothschild said it would be best to approach the other family parishes earlier next year to see if they're interested in running a booth.
- Bill said the level of interest by booth chairs and other festival workers for having a 2023 festival will be evaluated in Jan.
- Fr. Umberg thanked God for the great weather and thanked Bill for once again chairing the festival.

### Fall Parish Picnic:

- Barb Deburger said our fall parish picnic format in the KAC was started several years ago as an opportunity for more fellowship among parishioners. It is held in October and usually has a Halloween theme. This year we will have the Bengals game on a large screen TV and will also have an ice cream truck and a chili contest with 12 entrants. Due to another event in the KAC on Sat evening, set up will be on Sunday morning starting at 9 am.

**St. Barts Parish Mass Times:**

- Jerry asked Fr. Umberg if a decision has been made yet on Sun Mass time for St. Barts. Father said there is no chance it will be earlier than 11:15 and could be later.
- All family parishes will have a maximum of 2 weekend Masses, most likely one on Sat and one on Sun. Still waiting on St. Clare before a final decision is made for our Mass time. Implementation of the new Mass schedules will be the first Sunday of Lent 2023.
- Colleen said she works full time and would ideally like an earlier Sunday Mass; Joy and Jerry echoed her comments. If an earlier Mass is not possible, all agreed it would be best to try to keep our Mass time as close to 11:15 as possible. Jon thinks a later Sunday Mass could lower attendance. Father said attendance would increase if more would start seeking salvation by becoming faithful members of the church.
- Colleen asked about an evening Sun Mass, but Fr. Umberg said that may need to wait to be considered until the parishes combine.
- Father said there is no known path for the right way to handle Mass times for 6 sister parishes, so decisions made now will not necessarily be carved in stone for the next 5 years. He said the current plan is to have one parish at the end of 5 years, probably with multiple church buildings (campuses). A good possibility would then be to have Mass at one church campus in the North and one in the South (or could be East-West), plus possibly one other campus. Father said he will be looking for input from council members.
- Since there's a chance 5 or 6 of our family church campuses could still be open in 5 years, with Mass celebrated at just 2 or 3 of them, there's a possibility funeral Masses will still be held in those 2 or 3 church campuses. There's also a chance one of the church campuses could be turned into an area outreach center.
- Father thanked everyone for their discussion and input on the Mass topic.

**Pastor's Update-Father Umberg:**

- Father said he will soon make a change in the procedure for distributing communion to those unable to attend Mass.
- Instead of having a December council meeting, we will look into having a dinner or party with members of all 6 family pastoral councils.

**Next meeting:** Wed. Nov 16, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Umberg

Respectfully submitted by Charlie McDonald