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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes Aug. 16, 2023

Present: Fr. Andrew Umberg, Jerry Yox, Joe Arnold, Joy Niehaus, Joanne Hauser, Ken Radziwon, Jon Tobin, Ashley Evans, Colleen Wietmarschen, Charlie McDonald (Secretary)

Absent: Matt Jung

Guests:

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:05 PM by council chair Jerry Yox, with Fr. Umberg saying the opening prayer.

Approval of 4/19/23 Council Minutes:

Charlie gave revised copies of minutes to all. Joe A made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ashley E seconded and they were approved.

Festival Update:

- Jerry said this was our second festival post Covid after skipping two Covid years.
- Final financial figures for the 2023 festival are not yet available, but preliminary results indicate the net profit should be a bit higher than our 2019 festival, in the \$45-\$50K range, but less than last year.
- Festival Chair Bill Mauntel said he is looking to step down as the main chair starting next year, but also said he would like to stay involved.
- Fr. Umberg said a lot of parishes are having issues finding workers for festivals, but festival income is very important to St. Bart. If one person cannot be found to replace Bill as festival chair, perhaps we can find 3 parishioners who are willing to share the festival chair duties. Charlie said the festival chair position was shared by up to 4 parishioners in the years before Bill Mauntel became the festival chair. Jerry said we still have a main core of parishioners who are willing to help.
- Fr. Umberg said we may want to have a religious-themed festival booth in the future. Jerry mentioned we have had one in the past and will suggest to the festival committee that it be added for next year.
- Jerry said Bill Mauntel will have a meeting soon to go over festival results and get commitments for next year. Jerry said he will give an update to council after the festival results are finalized.

Our Lady of Divine Providence Family of Parishes Grill Out and Cornhole Tournament:

- Jerry began the discussion by mentioned that St. Bart normally has a parish picnic sometime in the late summer or fall each year. After discussion, it was decided that we will not have a picnic this year but rather St. Bart will host a grill out and cornhole tournament for the entire Our Lady of Divine Providence family.
- Fr Umberg said he previously asked for 2 family-wide social events and Jon Tobin volunteered to spearhead a cornhole tournament. Jon T said he has been working on putting together the cornhole event and it's scheduled for Sept 10th at St. Bart.

- Jon said he drafted a flyer about the grill out/tournament that can be placed in the bulletins, after approval by Fr. Umberg, covering the following: 1. The event will be from 12:30-4:30 pm on Sun 9/10 in the KAC and parking lot, rain or shine. 2. Meat and drinks will be provided, and parishioners will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert, depending on last name. 3. There will be a \$10/player fee for the cornhole tournament, with a prize for the winning team.
- Jon asked for help from council members for the event and is waiting for responses from some of the other parish organizations.
- Colleen asked if we have an Our Lady of Divine Providence Facebook page or website where we could better publicize the event. Fr. Umberg said work is being done on a new website but it is not yet finished.
- Fr. Umberg thanked Jon for his hard work on the cornhole tournament and said an announcement should be put in the bulletin right away, before the insert goes in.
- Jon asked if attendees should wear nametags, including which parish they are from; Fr. Umberg likes that idea and said perhaps the nametags could have a different color for each parish.
- Jon said there's a painting event upstairs in the KAC the day of the event, but not sure of the timing; he'll find out.
- Fr. Umberg said we need to have large and well-placed signs so those from other parishes can easily find the entrance. We will also need to provide a handicap entrance with easy access to the KAC. He also said we should refer to the KAC as the "gym" in all publications and announcements since many from the other family parishes are unfamiliar with the term "KAC".
- Fr. Umberg said one of the main reasons for the grill-out/tournament is to try to unite all 6 parishes in a family-oriented social event.
- Jon said he will email council for more input and availability to help and will also meet with Sandy and Joanne to get their input. He also said he has no firm contact names from the other family parishes; Joe said he will make some inquiries.
- Fr. Umberg asked if there will be any activities for kids at the event; Jerry said we have offered a football throwing contest, coloring, and crafts at past parish picnics and could look into similar activities for this event.
- We need to publicize the fact that the event will be held "rain or shine".
- Fr. Umberg said expenses for the event will be shared among the family of parishes.

Beacons of Light Update-Father Umberg:

- Fr. Umberg said he was originally planning to come up with bulletin articles giving Beacons of Light updates but instead has decided to play a recording at all masses during the weekend of Sept 9-10 with an update. He will then follow this up with another recording sometime in October with further updates.
- There's a good chance none of the parish offices will be closed until after July 1, 2025.
- We are looking into having a social event for all 6 parishes at Stricker's Grove in summer 2024.
- Family of Parishes staffing updates:
 - Fr. Umberg selected Kathy Rothschild as Director of Administration for our family of parishes back in May.
 - Sr. Margie will run RCIA for St. Bernard and Mother of Christ.
 - The Business Manager of St. Clare has accepted the same position at JPII school, so a new Business Manager has been hired, with a start date of 9/1/23.
 - The Business Manager for Assumption left in July, so a search is being conducted for a replacement.
 - Julie Zinser and Claire Tenhundfeld, who served at St. Bart, St. Vivian and Assumption in the area of religious formation of children and adults, have both left. Fr. Umberg said he asked Donna Booker, who up to now has served only at St. Clare in the areas of adult faith and

stewardship formation and PSR, to be the Director of Religious Education/Formation for our entire family of parishes. She will also direct the sacramental preparation programs for First Communion and First Penance for children of all 6 parishes, as well as continue to provide adult faith formation programs which are open to the entire parish family.

- Randi Ham, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will handle Confirmation preparation at St. Bart for St. Bart, St. Vivian, St. Clare and Assumption parishes.

Pastor's Update-Father Umberg:

- Fr. Umberg said he plans to celebrate Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil at 3 parishes, and Good Friday at 5 parishes, for the next 2 years. Some of the services will be combined between Assumption and St Clare. After 2 years, we should have a better idea where the main worship campus will be.
- New weekday Mass schedules will begin on July 1, 2024.
- Fr. Umberg said he hopes to stay with the same weekend Mass schedule until July 1, 2025, if possible.

Next meeting: Wed. Oct.18, 2023 at 7 pm.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Umberg.

Respectfully submitted by Charlie McDonald.