

Pastoral Council

Summary Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. James Aboyi (via internet), Jamie Besck, Pam Boggs, Julie Davis, , Lani Gore, Jay Iole, Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, Marilyn Johnston, Frank Polimene, David Portillo, Martin Ruggiero, Jennifer Sentz, Russ Spencer, Alex Van Vianen, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Guest: Dave Zabor

Roll call verified a quorum; 100% attendance.

6:34pm Frank called the meeting to order; Julie offered the Opening Prayer

Minutes from March 9, 2022 were approved (Lani) and seconded (Pam) as written.

Refugee Resettlement Ministry – Dave opened with a Prayer for Migrants

- In 2016, this ministry grew out of the Pax Christi Ministry. We are the only Catholic parish in the diocese to have a Refugee Resettlement Ministry.
- These are legal refugees. 70% of them have spent 10 years in refugee camps before coming to the US.
- They are presently working with their 6th family. They engage with each family for 6-8 months helping them with integration skills, language and financial issues. Two or three members of the ministry meet with the family about 2 times a week.
- Please contact Dave Zabor if you would like to join this ministry. They will be outside Sunday Mass on April 24th.

ST. JOHN BOSCO – Jamie

- Standardized testing is almost complete.
- 140 people participated in the First Fun Run. There was a band, food trucks and great burritos.
- Mother/Son Kick Ball game will be held Friday, April 8th after school
- The 8th Grade will be doing the Living Stations
- Holy Week- Each class will participate in the Stations of the Cross; Thursday-the 6th graders will perform the Passion Play.
- Pastor and 8th Grade Dinner – Thank you to Jen Sentz, Karen Ahearne and Marilyn Johnston for all their help. This is a thank you to parents and a rite of passage for the students as they become Alumni.

MINISTRIES

- Building – Deacon Ed –Continued meeting with Architects, Diocese, and St. Benedict. Very close to having everything ready to go.
- Events – Lani
 1. Food Truck was cancelled for Stations this Friday.
 2. Easter Raffle has brought in \$2000 so far.
 3. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between the 10 and 12 noon Masses. There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny; also family pictures for \$10.

4. Mother's Day Raffle will have 4-5 baskets.
 5. June is the Volunteer Appreciation event
 6. July – Bingo
 7. August –We'll have a Goodwill Truck on campus and get paid for poundage.
 8. November- Time for the 2nd Boot Scoot and Barbeque.
- Synod on Synodality – Frank- All meetings with parishioners have been completed. Jen and Pam are sorting through the information. The following issues have been identified:
 1. It is important to get younger people involved in the Church and educate their parents.
 2. More women should be involved in the Church.
 3. Please continue these meetings at the local, church level.
Deacon Ed would like to see this carried forward through contact with those we don't see here at St. Benedict's anymore. Compose a structured procedure for contacting individuals. Pam added to focus on Youth Synod to reach them.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James

- Our new Music and Liturgy Director, Phil Arkfeld, has been introduced to the Staff. A thank you to Lani for all her help with this transition.
- Tuesday is a Liturgy Meeting for Holy Week.
- Chrism Mass is this week for all priests and deacons.
- Fr. Wilfred is serving at the Newman Center until June.
- Once all building contracts are signed we will work on project funding; have a 'prayer around campus' to start construction process.
- New banners will go up, identifying the annexes
- Plan to have the Church budget completed by the end of April beginning of May.

NEW ITEMS

- There have been no applications for the open Pastoral Council positions.
- Realm-Difficulties noted with the program. Jen explained the program is being rolled out in increments. Follow up information will be made via the bulletin, ambo announcements, and slides.
- Appreciation Mass and Directory- We will pursue this after Easter.
- Holy Week Volunteers –all spots are now covered.

Next meeting is May 4, 2022. Frank will not be present, Russ will lead the meeting.

7:46 pm Meeting was adjourned and Martin closed with a prayer.

Lani has offered to say the closing prayer at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Recording Secretary