



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes May 1, 2017

“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries reach out with active concern to those in need.”

Present: Linda Belkowski, Deborah Bowers, Sharon Ellis, Jeff Haydock, Bill Latus, Arleen Mantel, Anne Meyer, Karen Papador, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Spivey, Mark Steimle, Tony Witkus, Janet Zimmermann

Absent: None

Welcome by Linda Belowski

Opening Prayer by Bill Latus

(April 2017 minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)

Monthly Reports

Prayer & Worship - Karen Spivey

Minutes were distributed by Prayer & Worship Committee. Matt will proceed with Peace Pole project. June-July-August 9:30 Sunday mass was approved. Additional discussion on single 9:30 mass time will be postponed pending further information regarding cluster formation. There is mixed reaction to having the Apostles' Creed on screen. Deacon Sandy explained this was only done for the two Sundays when Patrick Young was reader for the Universal Prayers. There is no plan to continue this. There will be no May meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Finance Council - Arleen Mantel

Main topic was budget. A balanced budget was presented to the archdiocese, but it did require taking funds from the Eschweiler New Century Fund, Parish Reserves, & designating an additional amount to be collected via fundraising from the parish. This is a major concern. Finance Council will meet May 15 to brainstorm and explore fundraising opportunities for presentation and consideration by Pastoral Council. Council members are welcome to attend as well. Discussion was held regarding term limits for the at-large position. Building & Grounds reported on projects regarding carpeting issues on the ramp and needed repairs at Hartfel House. Approval to access remaining Faith in our Future funds for 4 students & 1 adult for NCYC Gathering in Indianapolis.

Pastoral Council Formation - Karen Spivey

No meeting.

Human Concerns - Anne Meyer

Reports were presented on the Adult Learning Center (4th & Brown) and the Cathedral Center program. Clarification was requested from the Finance Council regarding 5% of all donations over \$1,000 of non-designated funds be earmarked for Outreach (this is already the case). Policy under review to provide added clarification.

Christian Formation - Karen Papador

Registration is in progress. Good participation in Matthew 25 and Work Camp programs. GOF participation numbers are increasing.

Pastoral Care - Debbie Bowers

No meeting.

Stewardship - Janet Zimmermann

Committee would like to do step announcements to encourage stewardship and to highlight different ministries. Another suggestion was to have one ministry per month displayed at a table in the narthex to help raise awareness. New technologies could also be used to visually highlight the ministries. Communication is key. It was suggested that the committee develop a multi communication channel plan and calendar to incorporate all of the communication tools that Good Shepherd currently has in place. Discussions will continue. Committee has volunteered to help with the 60th anniversary celebration.

Pastoral Council/Trustee Discernment - Debbie Bowers

Of the 35 nominations, 6 candidates came to the information meetings. Discernment will be held Saturday, May 6. Tim has decided not to go forward as Trustee. Sharon has agreed to stay on as Trustee. There is no Trustee election needed.

Pizza Party - date change? - Linda Belkowski

Pizza party will be changed from June 10 to June 17 to better accommodate the "From Conflict to Community" event.

Parish Director Report – Deacon Sandy.

1. Conrad Schmitt renderings

Cost for renderings will be covered by the designated memorial from a parish family.

Renderings do not commit the parish to moving forward with the recommendations.

Motion by Sharon Ellis to move forward with renderings; Deb Bowers second.

Discussion was held. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Deacon Sandy will invite

Conrad Schmitt to attend the August 7 Pastoral Council Meeting for further discussion and direction.

2. 60th celebration – update

Focus will be on the Mass and the reception. Stewardship committee is interested in

helping with planning and execution. Pastoral Council subcommittee will reach out to

Stewardship members to work out details. Motion by Linda Belkowski to have only one

Mass that weekend, to be held at 9:30 a.m. on 7/23 (no Saturday Mass on 7/22); second by Karen Spivey. Passed by unanimous vote.

3. Clustering – update
Deacon Sandy is meeting with the Archbishop on Thursday regarding the “who” and “when” of cluster leadership; and will report to Pastoral Council following that meeting if a decision is disclosed. **Pastoral Council is asked to hold this information in confidence until after the formal announcement to the parish.** Proposed that announcement to the parish be made on May 13-14.
4. “From Conflict to Community” – Lutherans in the house! ;-)
ELC (Holy Cross, Gloria Dei, perhaps others) members have reached out to request that a Catholic church sponsor a gathering to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and to celebrate the many things we have in common on Saturday, June 10th at the 4:30 Mass. Good Shepherd will be hosting that event. Planning is in process.
5. Status of outbound member thank you’s, inbound commissioning, blessing for all (currently scheduled for June 10/11 at all Masses)
Confirming this will be held June 10/11.
6. [Parish Leader Update - May 2017](#)
Deacon Sandy will forward Parish Leader Update newsletter to all Pastoral Council members.

Closing Prayer - All

Important Dates

5/5 - Celebration of Ministries Dinner with Mass

5/6 (10am) Council Discernment

6/10-11 - Pastoral Council Commissioning (new members) thank you (outbound members) blessing for all, including incumbents

6/10 - “From Conflict to Community” - commemorating the reformation

7/23 - 60th Anniversary - 9:30 Sunday Mass with Archbishop ListECKi and reception

10/13 - 10/14 -Overnight retreat @ Redemptorist Retreat Center - Oconomowoc