



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes October 2, 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.”

Note: Sharon brought candy 😊

Present: Linda Belkowski, Deborah Bowers, Michael Crownover, Sharon Ellis, Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer, Pat Sievers, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Spivey, Mark Steimle

Absent: Bill Latus, Arleen Mantel, Karen Papador

Welcome by Linda Belowski

Opening Prayer led by Judy Koenings

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

Parish Director Report –Deacon Sandy Sites

New data points for Good Shepherd are available from the Archdiocese which Sandy shared with the Council. This is a snapshot of all the data accumulated since 2002. Total number of households are down 59%. Members age 65+ are up 16%, all other age demographics are down for the 15 year period. Percent of parishioners who attend Mass is in the 40% range, above the archdiocesan average. Sandy will send complete reports to all Council members for review and analysis. Sandy has requested Deanery data for the same data points to establish a benchmark for comparison. Questions should be directed to Deacon Sandy.

Sandy reported there was a proposal being considered for an archdiocesan increase in parish assessment to 6%; currently at 4% of our income. This proposal will now be gradually implemented over time. First increase of ½% will happen soonest 2018-19 fiscal year.

Council has been asked to consider focus on fewer priorities for the year. Challenge to leadership (staff and both councils) and Sandy is to identify what the focus should be.

Monthly Reports

Prayer & Worship - Judy Koenings, Karen Spivey

Minutes from the Prayer & Worship Commission were sent to all Council members. Items were added to the worship space “wish list”. Christmas mass schedule was finalized, in coordination with St. James.

Finance Council - Debbie Bowers, Arleen Mantel

Chris Brennan (current financial advisor) made a presentation triggered by his move to a new investment firm. Reps from his old firm Ziegler, his new company, and perhaps a third company will be asked to make presentations for comparison and evaluation. A town hall meeting, in partnership with Pastoral Council, will be held in January.

Loose change challenge and 60th anniversary contributions have had a positive impact.

Pledge process and commitment kick-off is 10/28-29; commitment weekend is 11/18-19.

Buildings & grounds continue to do short-term fixes, and are evaluating larger projects that will be needed moving forward.

Pastoral Council Formation - Karen Spivey

November 27 has been decided as the date for the evening council formation.

Human Concerns - Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer

Minutes were previously sent to all council members.

Several members of the Human Concerns Commission will attend a retreat at the Sienna Center "Facing Our Power and Privilege".

The logistics of obtaining speakers for the combined collection presentations were clarified.

Monica Schultz made a presentation regarding the Human Trafficking Task Force.

Christian Formation - Michael Crownover, Karen Papador

First GOF meeting was held with 76.2% attendance.

Proposal for use of Faith in our Future funds for replacement of AV equipment in youth rooms was approved.

Pastoral Care - Debbie Bowers, Anne Meyer

Farmers' Market will be held 12/3 this year.

Stewardship - Pat Sievers

Minutes were previously sent to all council members.

Council Discernment - Linda Belkowski

Linda has asked that continuing council members step forward for continuity in council discernment.

Council Retreat

Details were distributed for 10/13-14 retreat. Carpooling will meet at 5:45 at Good Shepherd. All are invited to bring snacks.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Motion was made by Deacon Sandy, second by Deb Bowers, that there be one mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 2018 and continuing until such time as the parish has grown to necessitate a second Sunday mass. This has already been discussed by staff and Christian Formation. Discussion was held regarding impact on parish/mass vibrancy and financial impact. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Sandy will take this recommendation to the staff.

From Conflict to Community

Sharon Ellis will check with Jerry and Pat Seitz will check with Larry re: serving as hospitality volunteers at the event, and let Deacon Sandy know.

Pat Seitz will be the reader representative from Good Shepherd.

Worship Space Design

Council is asked to give numeric codes to the action items for the potential changes to the worship space. Feedback is requested by 10/13.

Closing Prayer - All

Important Dates

10/13 - 10/14 - Overnight Retreat @ Redemptorist Retreat Center - Oconomowoc
10/14/17 - "From Conflict to Community" Lutheran/Roman Catholic commemoration of the Reformation (5:00 PM at Holy Cross Lutheran)
10/28-11/18 - Stewardship Annual Commitment Campaign
10/31 - Mass of Anticipation for All Saints Day
11/27 - Evening Council Formation
12/2-12/3 - Advent begins