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Pastoral Council Minutes

August 16, 2023

MISSION: To bring Christ's love to our community through worship, education, service, and outreach.

Present: Fr. Howard Haase, Cheryl Bales, Tom Feldhusen, Steve Koel, Kevin Neugent, Tim Riedl,

Amy Schmidt

Excused: David Lawrence and Margaret Bechel

Perspective Members: Anne Becker, Barbara Prechodnik, Patrick O'Connor (Pat was absent)

Guest: Michelle Spaeth

Opening Prayer Lead by Cheryl Bales

New Membership Discernment

Fr. Howard lead the discernment process saying in part that we are to be led by the Spirit, to listen, to be surprised and supportive and, a catalyst for growth. Our hope and mission is to help people grow in their faith and encounter Jesus.

- Introductions of council members and perspective members.
- Presents members explained how and why they felt lead to the parish council.
- After the discernment Anne Marie Becker and Barbara Prechodnik accepted the call. Since Pat O'Connor was absent Fr. Howard will speak to him one-on-one.

Officer Elections:

Current officers accepted their positions for another year.

- a. Kevin Neugent, Chair
- b. Tim Riedl, Vice Chair
- c. Cheryl Bales, Secretary

Commission Assignments:

- Kevin explained how the commissions relate to Council.
- Assignments to commissions will be done at the September

Pastor Remarks:

- 1. Brian Mase has accepted the position of Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. Currently looking for a person to take on the Preschool and grade school programs.
- Love One Another Campaign is moving forward. We received a quarterly payment.
- 3. With the reception of the Blood of Christ returning the weekend of August 25th and 26th, Fr. Howard and Michelle Heeren will have articles in the bulletin and announcements about it. Both school and formation programs will offer information to students and parents on the reception of the Blood of Christ 4. Columbaria will be installed in October. Information about it will be presented at masses. Once that is completed, we will be moving forward to replace the church roof, sacristy remodel and cleaning of church.
- 5. School roof update: a bid was approved, and replacement of the roof will begin in the spring.

Updates and Discussion:

- 1. Farmers Market was a positive experience. People were interested in our 3 & 4K programs.
- 2. Survey is complete. Need to discuss further about how we will present to congregation and / or certain groups.
- 3. School. Michelle Spaeth reported that 4th grade has a waiting list
- 4. Archdiocese will present a Catechetical Conference on the Eucharistic Revival on August 24-26 and Emmaus 90 in the new year. Through these 2 programs, we can become closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

Next meeting will be held on September 20th at 7pm.

Opening Prayer will be led by Tim Riedl

Closing Prayer lead by Fr. Howard

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bales