

## 09/26/23 Pastoral Council Meeting

In attendance: Fr. Robert Barnell, Cindy Robinson, Debbie White, Dan Young, Laura Ridge, Bryan Back, Jake Kerger, Abby Simon, Patrick Parris, Kate Brockman, Karen O'Rourke, and Dennis Jones. Absent: Aaron Thompson, Katie Early, and Teague Ridge.

The meeting started at 7:01 with a prayer from Fr. Robert.

Last month's minutes were approved. Final copy is to be sent to Katie Eberwein for posting to the website.

All of the Chairs sent their minutes via email for all to review. There were no changes. Fr. Robert suggested that instead of the minutes in full, a synopsis or summary be sent via Google Docs to Cindy Robinson so she could include them in the Pastoral Council Meeting reminder email.

Conflict of interest was brought up again. It was decided that Fr. Robert, Cindy Robinson and Patrick Parris would meet and review the current By-Laws, after which there would be another discussion on the conflict of interest and the potential to add Members-At-Large. Suggestions for new members were Alice Columbo and Dr. Nathan Jones. The suggested new members, Ann Ewing and Helen Walter were not interested. Laura Ridge will remain an At-Large-Member.

Pastor's Update: Fr. Robert stated he had a safety team at Immaculate Conception, his former parish. That team organized the greeters and ushers to be available and aware of what to do in an emergency, i.e. record events, call the police etc. There is a whole manual from the Diocese on best practices. Jake Krueger volunteered to lead this team for Ascension. It was discussed that this may be a subcommittee of the Worship Committee.

There was a discussion of the proceeds from the fundraiser IGiveCatholic. The first option is to repair or replace the playground equipment. Second option is for grounds and security enhancements. New signage for the campus was discussed but rejected due to the time it will take to design and approve. Abby Simon suggested displaying tiers of success (like a thermometer) to show the amount of each tier and how that money would be spent. There was concern of how the money would be spent if we don't reach our goal. Dennis Jones is working on quotes for the playground, more info to follow.

Pictorial Directory scheduling is now open. Pictures will be taken November 7 – 9 from 2-8:30. Sign up on the website.

Staff Update: Eddie Jarboe is the new Youth Formation Director. He started on September 25. This is a full time position with emphasis on sacramental prep, hopefully he will have time for the Youth Ministry too.

Since the Committee Chairs sent their minutes via email for all to read and review, the only additions are:

Bryan Back reported the school open house is October 24. Current enrollment is 170 students in K-8.

Dennis Jones reported the school is painted. They are going forward on the landscaping and are hoping the cost will be under \$20,000.

Abby Simon reported that Easy Money Sweepstakes sales are finishing up. They are 1,000 tickets away from their goal. Other upcoming events: Trivia Night is October 21, Trunk or Treat October 27, and Bunco will be in November.

Karen O'Rourke reported the Children-Led Mass is this Saturday, September 30 with food trucks and fellowship following.

Fr. Robert asked for prayer intentions and closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Pastoral Council meetings: October 24 and November 28.