

Christ the King, Holy Family, St. John Baptist de la Salle
Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2023

I. Call to Order

The Joint Parish Pastoral Council meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mike Weinandt at 5:34 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Kasson, MN.

II. Prayer

Father John led the opening prayer.

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Father John, Theresa Peters, Mike Weinandt, Dianne Vangness, Janet Fitzgerald, Colleen Wilson, Dan Pries, Bob Soland, Paul Prond, Ellie Engesser, Chris Leska, Craig Schneider, A.J. Moosbrugger and Debbie Storlie

Members Absent: Cheryl Gillard, Nikki Lambrecht, Kathy Lieburn, Bruce Huber, Diane Chicos, Marv Bronner and Mike Strom

Guest: Marcie Bordelon

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion by A.J. Moosbrugger, second by Dan Pries to approve the agenda with one correction of replacing Parish Administrator with Office Manager in the listing of reports. Motion carried.

Colleen Wilson gave a special thanks to Father John for including students in his homilies and meeting with graduates before Mass to learn of their future plans.

V. Approve Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on January 17, 2023

Motion by Dan Pries, second by Theresa Peters to approve the minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting of January 17, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

VI. Approve Consent Agenda of Minutes/Reports

- A. Buildings and Maintenance (CK, HF, SJ)
- B. Councils of Catholic Women (CK, SJ)
- C. Directors of Faith Formation (CK, HF, SJ)
- D. Finance Councils (CK)
- E. Knights of Columbus (CK, HF)
- F. Liturgy and Worship (CK, HF, SJ)
- G. Office Manager (CK, HF)
- H. Secretary (SJ)
- I. Trustees (CK, SJ)

Motion by Jan Fitzgerald, second by Ellie Engresser to approve the Consent Agenda of Minutes/ Reports. Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Capital Campaign at Holy Family

Father John reported that the next step in the Capital Campaign is to contact parishioners individually to discuss the project. The goal is to accomplish this within a six month time frame. Monica Herman of the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota met with members of the Holy Family congregation on March 5, 2023.

B. Review of the Pastoral Plan

The status of each of the six Core Focus Areas were reviewed. A Progress Report on each of the focus areas was provided to the members of this Council. The focus areas include Worship, Faith Formation, Administration, Community, Stewardship and Tithing and Communication.

Worship: Debbie Storlie reviewed proposed revisions to the Worship Initiatives.

Faith Formation: Marcie Bordelon reviewed progress and faith formation opportunities for adults and post-confirmation students. Special thanks was given to Marcie Bordelon and Colleen Wilson for preparing the “Catholics Want to Know!” church bulletin articles. A suggestion was made to reach out to a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary for ideas on how to connect with young adults.

Administration: Mike Weinandt reviewed progress and led the discussion on administration. Quarterly financial statements for parishioners should include Year To Date, Budget and Variance Columns to provide greater transparency. The By-Laws provide an election process. A Nominating Committee was formed in January. There were no elections this year because there was only one candidate from each parish. Pastoral Council Minutes are on the Christ The King and Holy Family websites. St. John Baptist de la Salle will check their website and add the minutes if necessary. Christ The King has updated Finance Council By-Laws. Special thanks was given to Theresa Peters for all of her work until an Office Manager is hired at Christ The King. Theresa is in the office on Fridays from 8:30 A.M. until noon. CCW Presidents and Knights of Columbus Grand Knights are now ex-officio members of the Council.

Community: Members suggested welcoming new parishioners in a special way. Suggestions included: invitation to participate in donuts after Mass (HF) and potlucks after student-led Masses (SJ), introduction at Masses and posting pictures of newcomers with a short bio in the Narthex. A suggestion was made to add ministry to those parishioners unable to attend church and Meals On Wheels.

Stewardship and Tithing: Bob Soland reported that Stewardship and Tithing will be promoted again in the fall.

Communication: Craig Schneider suggested that Administration and Communication Focus Areas be combined. It was suggested to distribute the list of Parish Council Members to parishioners as a church bulletin insert. A variety of communication platforms must be used to communicate to all parishioners.

Mike Weinandt reminded this Council that the current Pastoral Plan concludes in March, 2024. Susan Windley-Daoust, Director of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese,

informed Mike that the new materials on developing a Pastoral Plan will not be available until the summer of 2024. This Council agreed to develop a one year extension of the Pastoral Plan. Parishioners from all three churches will provide input.

VIII. New Business

A. Parish Pastoral Council Appointments.

Father John has made the following appointments for three year terms on the Parish Pastoral Council:

Mike Weinandt - Christ the King [second term].

A.J. Moosbrugger - Holy Family [second term].

Kathy Wilmes - St. John Baptist de la Salle to replace Diane Chicos.

Special thanks to Diane Chicos for her service.

IX. Open Discussion

- A. The Finance Council By-Laws at Christ the King were revised and approved by the Finance Council on January 24, 2023. Copies of the By-Laws have been emailed to Holy Family and St. John Baptist de la Salle to help them revise their By-Laws to comply with Diocesan statutes.
- B. Diocesan statutes require that Finance Councils should not make final recommendations to the Pastor on the budget without first consulting the Parish Pastoral Council. Budgets for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 should be submitted to the Office Manager at Christ the King so budgets can be reviewed by the Parish Pastoral council on July 18, 2023.
- C. The Parish Office at Christ The King has been staffed on Fridays.
- D. The Executive Committee is suggesting that we publicize our Mission and Vision Statements on our websites and elsewhere so the parishioners become more familiar with our Mission and Vision.
- E. A suggestion was made to have a representative from St. John Baptist de la Salle on the Executive Committee. The Pastoral Council By-Laws state that the Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Secretary along with the Pastor. The Pastor may utilize this committee for setting the agenda or for other tasks such as conducting emergency parish business.

X. Announcements

- A. A Eucharistic Congress will be held in Mankato, MN on June 10, 2023. Dianne Vangness explained the role of Galvanizers and shared information about the event. Galvanizers for our parishes include: Lonnie and Nikki Lambrecht (CK), Sharon Pechacek and Dianne Vangness (SJ), Amy and Chad Krahn (HF). Transportation options might include a bus with no charge except a tip for the driver. Uncertain as of this meeting if the bus is full. Attendance numbers as of May 4, 2023: 12 from St. John's, 26 from Christ the King and 13 from Holy Family. As of May 16, 2023 there were 4,400 registered, with a goal of 5,000. Dianne displayed the St. John Baptist de la Salle banner at the meeting.
- B. Next Pastoral Council Meeting: July 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family.

XI. Prayer

Theresa Peters led the closing prayer with a final blessing from Father John.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Storlie
Secretary