

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
February 21, 2023
Minutes**

The meeting was opened at 5:30 p.m. by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer. Luke Zoroufy chaired the meeting.

Members Present: Luke Zoroufy, Kevin Decker, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Nick Harding, Lauren Harding, Tammy Becker, Mari Erickson, Sandy Perpich, Betty Tauscher, Nancy Rose and Lynne Ostervich.

Excused: Carol Ballas, Deacon Tom Skemp and Chuck Whalen.

Absent: Joseph Nduka.

The minutes from the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign: Proposed Parish Case Statement

Plans are pretty much finalized for the campaign. An AV system was added to the list of projects.

Security/Safety concerns

A sign has been posted in the Gathering Space regarding the locking of doors during Mass. The North doors will be kept open during Mass. The entrances to the Gathering Space will be locked after Mass begins. Late comers will have to enter through the north doors which will cut down on the distraction from entering through the side doors. This also protects access to the sacristy and sanctuary, and chapel. Any disturbance then can be handled between the north double set of doors in the closed environment. Sandy Perpich reported that the use of some kind of cameras (maybe hunting cameras) near the votive stands is being looked into. The amount being collected from the votive stands is still down a little. Msgr. is going to keep analyzing this. The money is collected weekly and has stabilized. Msgr. will discuss this with the Finance Council at their next meeting.

Sign of Peace at Mass

Easter Vigil will be the start date to reinstate the Sign of Peace at Mass. Msgr. already had a point of catechesis on this and will revisit this again during the last weeks of Lent.

Future of the Live Streamed Mass; Inviting People to Return

The live streamed Mass has been discontinued at the request of the Bishops. Msgr. has not received any legitimate push back on the subject. Msgr. explained that the second part of the agenda item - Inviting people to return - is the important part.

Anointing of Sick Mass

Msgr. plans to catechize about a Mass for the sick as it needs to be used properly. Maybe celebrate the Mass in the fall of the year at a 12:10 Mass and then have hospitality or a luncheon afterward. Luke suggested that the Sacred Worship Committee could work on this.

Fruitfulness of Mass Transit's Two Videos; How to Use Them Well

The two videos are here for us to use when needed. Msgr. thinks the videos are very good. Social Media outreach was one of the ways suggested to use the videos. Msgr. is also going to rehabilitate the P.R. Committee.

Building a Team of Scrip Sellers

Sarah Taggert is taking care of training people to help.

Homebound Ministry (Jamie Dane)

In a parallel fashion to the work of Jean McDonnell, Jamie is coordinating an effort to reach new people who may desire contact with the parish. Jamie is focusing on personal homes and Jean focuses more (but not exclusively) on the nursing home people.

New Business:

Update on Office Administrative Assistant

Nobody hired yet. The search continues. Job description has been modified.

Review of Inaugural Covenant Hearts Event

Positive comments were received. The dinner was very good. The speaker was engaging. Maybe next year some social time before sitting down at the tables would be nice. This will be an annual event. Next year's date is Saturday, Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m.

Jean McDonnell is stepping down as overseer of the gathering area's display case

As of June 1, Jean will no longer be responsible for the large display case in the Gathering Area. Jean has been a phenomenal resource with her Diocesan archive connections etc. Nancy Rose will not be available to take the lead on decorating the display case but can assist those who will be in charge from time to time. Suggested names for our display case person will be an action item for our next meeting. There is a time commitment and it is a bit challenging to place the items being used in the case. The display changes with each liturgical season of the year and also can be changed when a special request is made or an event is coming up.

St. Joseph Awardee Discussion

Suggestions were made of possible recipients for this award. A few names of well deserving individuals were suggested. We will circle back to this discussion at our next meeting where names of additional individuals for this award will be brought forward as well.

Beginning an Altar Server Training Program “Come and See” Days for Younger Children

Jimmy Steuck and John Felsheim will do a formal training of servers. Right now it is uneven so Msgr. wants to have all of the servers on the same page. They will also do something fun to build camaraderie. Younger children ages 5, 6, & 7 will be brought to the priest's sacristy so they can see the safe, the chalice, and other items related to serving Mass.

Survey Consideration: “What are your expectations of/for your Parish?”

Team Renewal discussed the structure of the committees and the confusion of not knowing where some of the newer events fit in. An organizational flow chart of church standing committees with the committee name and a contact person was suggested. If someone is suggesting a project for the parish they will be able to know which committee to approach. Our newly organized groups need to be connected to a standing committee such as Sacred Worship, Catholic Education, Family Life, and Social Justice.

Relational Connecting: Coffee w/Kev; On Deck with Decker

Msgr. Gilles and Kevin meet with people every Friday building a relationship with those who come to Msgr. or Kevin and are interested in learning more about Cathedral and maybe getting involved. They sit down over a cup of coffee and form relationships and connections to enhance our growing ministry.

Beginning a Podcast

Erik Archer is instrumental in starting a podcast for Cathedral. This will help to share what is going on at Cathedral and highlight some of the new programs or events that are being held.

Reception of the Precious Blood at Mass

Discussion is still being held in regards to the reception of Precious Blood at Mass. Additional people will be needed for distribution in order to accomplish this. Catechesis is also needed. The chalice of Precious Blood needs to be protected. Also the congregation needs to know the protocol for receiving. Maybe we can work towards Corpus Christ as a goal. It was advised for the Sacred Worship Committee to be included with this. Two ushers will come up the side aisle at communion and stand by the pillars to make sure the consecrated host is consumed upon receiving it.

Reports:

Committee reports are due to Msgr. Gilles a week before our Pastoral Council meetings.

Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Ostervich