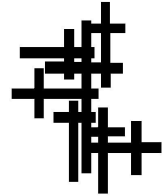


Good Shepherd Pastoral Council

March 4, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Mary of Magdala Chapel



“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.”

2023/2024 Goal: *“Work with Commissions, Staff, and parishioners, in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to implement actions surrounding the two focus areas of the strategic 3-5 year plan.”*
(1. More vibrant Mass. 2. Attract more young families and involve more youth)

(February minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)

Attendance: Lisa Nimmer, Joan Plumley, Patrick Young, Deacon Sandy, Ryan Goss, Sheri Youngs, Tammy Hernke, Corinna Ramsey, Marguerite Thompson

Absent: Nick, Steve, Craig, Ron

Opening Prayer - Patrick Young

Welcome Corinna Ramsey and Marguerite Thompson - Christian Formation Commission

Corinna:

Corinna is the Director of Child and Youth Formation here at Good Shepherd. She has a degree in Education and Bible Study. Generations of Faith is a major program that comes out of Christian Formation. They meet with a volunteer planning team every month to plan the session. Sometimes there are break-outs according to age group, other times there are stations. Staff and volunteers work together to make it all happen.

She is hoping to possibly start a Bible study next year for 16-25 year olds. Her goal is to offer them some Bible studies to help them accomplish that right here in our parish. She talks to the young adults and finds out that they are attending other churches for that reason.

Her commission sponsors events such as snow tubing, and movie night. New young adults who show up are coming to get involved in the church. CHWC had a pizza making fundraiser at St. James last month to make pizzas in support of our mission trip.

She explained that the Growing Faith participants are the kids from Generations of Faith. It is well received and attendance is up. Corinna is asking the kids about the format and they are giving her good feedback. She will continue that.

There are many other things going on as well. Some examples include Catechist Enrichment Night, Bowl A Thon, Kids Corner (display of kid’s work in Narthex), First Communion retreat, Confirmation Retreats, and College Care mailing with a Starbucks gift card and Lenten prayers.

Corinna is a facilitator for Safe Environment training. All adults who work with youth are required to take the training. This is mandated by the Milwaukee Archdiocese. She thinks that if adults participate in ministries at church, then they should be Safe Environment trained.

Marguerite:

Marguerite has been here for 3 years at Good Shepherd, but has been a part of Good Shepherd since 2003.

She has worked really hard on several different things, The In the Spotlight is averaging around 40 for attendance. The topics are interesting and people are responding to them well. Dan Scholz came on the first Sunday of Lent, and the last Sunday of Lent

She is working on having field trips to The Chosen. Great discussions were had after the viewing to talk about their faith. Spiritual Book Club is finishing their second book and are looking at the future. Bible Study, Called and Gifted workshop for the parish, and Date your Mate are programs that they are going to offer or try to build up again.

On September 15, 2024, We will be having a "Formation Fest." It is an event for us to display what we have to offer at Good Shepherd. Classrooms, and Daniels Hall will be open. Catechists will be in their rooms. Spotlight and adult formation will be there as well. This will be for all to see what great things people could participate in for adults, families, and kids.

Questions:

Lisa asked, Have you noticed an increase in younger people attending? The answer to that was, "There has been a visible uprising in some parts." The nervous system Spotlight event was attended by younger families.

Tammy asked, "Could you have Bible study in a box?" That is, resources that could be used to create your own small group.

Answers:

Marguerite talked about using a book from Loyola Press, 23rd Publications. It has plenty of resources to get people to pay attention to Scripture. It also has Bible basics to facilitate conversations that pull from their own experiences. It can be a resource for the person who wants to start up a small group.

Document Storage for Pastoral Council - Tammy and Ryan

Tammy Hernke talked about pastoral technology documents. First, we could show the minutes for the prior year only and current minutes, and have the old minutes archived. There is flexibility to add a dropdown option for adding Town Hall materials to house documents. It was found that a Table of Contents would make it easier to find files that may have been harder to find in the past. We can also have Manuals, Agendas, and Meeting Minutes. The Good Shepherd SharePoint site would make it easier to store historic files and have limited access for some people. It looks like things are heading in the right direction.

Town Hall 2024- All

There was follow up to questions not answered during the meetings. The finance questions to be answered were discussed because Tim and Marge were not at the in person meeting. Most of the questions were answered at the moment.

The quarterly report of finances will be minimal. Deacon Sandy would like to see something in the bulletin. The information may not be clear when it is they received. The plan from here is to have Lisa talk with Marge and Tim, and then get Bryan involved to publish to the web-site and email blast.

Suggestions or changes for next year, include a Roundtable discussion with specific topics. Would this work well to inform everyone what is going on? The discussion is ongoing. Deacon Sandy thought it may be a good idea to set a **deadline** on when we are letting the parish know, what the questions were, their answers and the ones we are still working on.

Parish Director Report - Deacon Sandy

1. Lenten almsgiving going over very well
2. Patronal Feast Day April 21, 2024 (Good Shepherd Sunday)
 1. Ownership, logistics, hospitality
 2. Be aware we will have an In The Spotlight and First Communions that weekend
 3. There has been a request to also do Communal Anointings – what do you think?
 - a. We are in a good place at Good Shepherd
 - b. Council can identify and hone the logistics
2. Hope Network Changes
 1. New leadership
 2. No longer a site for drop-off donations
3. Personnel Updates
 1. Unusual number of leave of absence for operations
 1. Judy, Corinna, Bryan
 2. Alicia and Tim are on paid contracts through June
 3. Alicia projected to join our staff as a regular employee as of July 1
 4. Tim will remain with us as a musician and cantor on a volunteer basis
4. March 23 9-11 AM Synod on Synodality Listening Session (Invitation from Pope Francis)
 1. Please consider joining us!
5. Archbishop ListECKI is featured on his retirement in the Catholic Herald “Keepsake Edition”. There is an ad from the parish. (Thanks for the past, rich blessings for the future.)
6. Ellacuria 2025 Lenten almsgiving? (Particularly if delegates come to visit)
7. Shared Learning: Success of Finance Council - Set time limits per agenda item

Pastoral Council Nominations and Trustee Election - Tammy

- Terms ending in June, 2024: Lisa Nimmer, Patrick Young, Craig Tautges
 - Patrick Young said he would take another term.
 - Let the parish know there will be 2 spots open on Pastoral Council
- Time-line for both
 - Based on the calendar and last years information, Tammy identified a timeline
 - Announcement the Friday before Easter weekend, Good Friday is the last day for nominations.
 - Make calls after that, bios circulated, elections, discernment meeting and first meeting all laid out in a timeline
- Committee to help Tammy
- Maybe work with Mike Crane or Bryan Ramsey with the discernment process. (moved from Open Discussion)

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Strategic Planning - All

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- Please ask Commissions to have this as an agenda item every month:
 1. How to increase Vibrancy of Mass
 2. Ways to engage Young Families and increase participation
- Encourage discussion and ideas in the Commission you are on
- What, if anything, can the Pastoral Council do to support new or current initiatives?

Commission/Committee Questions- All Commission Liaison's give a report

Please review the minutes from each Commission (sent to you by Bill Gaynor) prior to the meeting and come with any questions you have. **** If you are on a Commission and met this past month, please plan to give a short update.**

Human Care	Christian Formation	Stewardship
Prayer and Worship	Pastoral Care	

- Finance Council Update
 - Beginning of the Budgeting process

Items From the Floor:

- Pre-Mass: No pre-Mass during Lent
- [GalileeU Schedule](#)
- Parish Council Retreat: to be discussed in the future

- Bulletin Articles needed: Pastoral Council nominations and trustee

Open Discussion

- Schedule Next Commission visit -
 - We will not have a commission visit us next month.
 - Update on proposed budget items
- Memorial Day Float Proposal - Joan
 - Promote Vacation Bible School and other things we do
 - Joan will coordinate this project if a trailer can be found.
 - Get a planning group together.

Closing Prayer - Deacon Sandy

“Did He give the gift of love to say who we could choose?”

<https://youtu.be/79B0KeDcIE>

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8th @ 7:00 PM

- Prayer Leader - Craig Tautges

Important Dates:

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Hospitality
March 23 - Synod on Synodality Listening Session
March 24th - Palm Sunday
March 28th - Holy Thursday
March 29th - Good Friday
March 30th Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday
March 31st - Easter
April 15th - Deanery Meeting
April 21st - Good Shepherd Sunday

Agenda Items for next month:

- Discussion on Pastoral Care Commission