

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council
December 4, 2023 - 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.”

2022/2023 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)

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

Attendance: Judy Zunk, Patrick Young, Nic Zepnick, Ron Leonhardt, Steve Grieb, Ryan Goss, Sheri Youngs, Bill Gaynor, Tammy Hernke, Lisa Nimmer, Craig Tautges, Joan Plumley

Opening Prayer - Sheri Youngs

Prayer and Worship Commission - Welcome Judy Zunk

There is a lot going on with Prayer and Worship. Judy Zunk, the staff liaison and acolyte representative, was there to give a presentation to the Pastoral Council. She talked about how Randy represents readers, Mike represents ushers, and Tim Ellinger represents music ministers. She made a note that there are not a lot of numbers on Prayer and Worship, or the ministries. The ones they do have are fantastic and always seem to come through when needed. She was very appreciative of that.

They meet on the Second Monday of the month by Zoom meetings. That was more flexible for all involved. So if you want to join them, feel free to contact Judy Zunk at jzunk@wi.rr.com.

One of the big things they are working on right now is being part of the ad hoc committee for the new baptismal font. Today, they heard a consultant who conceptualizes a design, helps a parish stay within a budget and suggests appropriate contractors. They have been asked to bring identified projects and rank them with the campaign funds. The font is number one on their list.

They talk about things that are relevant to major ministries. Communion ministers are discussing developing a reverential practice for those who do not drink from the cup, with Sandy's guidance. They are working with several Confirmation candidates who have been identified for the ministries. One chose to be an acolyte and he participates at his school program so it may be easier. Several signed up to be readers, and greeters. The one ministry that the students can't do is be a Eucharistic Minister. They have to be confirmed.

There were two younger guys who came and helped with Advent decorating. They carried trees and took the bigger fall decor up to the art room. At the Christmas Eve Masses, the creation of a handbell choir is in the works.

There was a question and answer session

1. Judy would like to potentially tap into other groups and have representation for Prayer and Worship.
2. Do you have enough representation in other groups? Maybe have some general parishioners to join and help out.
3. Patrick asked: How do we promote the Acolyte Ministry? Judy responded by saying that if you know someone who is interested, sometimes the best way is to approach them and ask.
4. Joan asked: Do you have enough readers and acolytes for each liturgy? Judy responded by saying they could always use more. She stated that we could use some more ushers on Saturday evening.
5. Question: How are you doing with the amount of prep it takes for funerals? Judy said that they have covered the positions needed but could use a backup on acolytes, and at the funeral lunch ministry. Ron asked: How long is Tim involved in the Music Leadership role? Judy said as long as he wants to be. They are still figuring it out and he is contemplating a coordination / support role. Music is thriving and growing. Ron would like to see a copy of Tim's three phase plan, responsibilities, planning and carrying out liturgies. Judy is the Liturgy Coordinator who coordinates the acolytes, ushers, Eucharist ministers, readers and other liturgical ministers.

Document Sharing for Pastoral Council - Tammy and Ryan

A couple of steps were brought up about sharing files. Should we go to a file sharing point? This would bring everything under a good shepherd umbrella with all things in one spot for now and the future. Pastoral Council sharepoint can use it to have things organized by folder. For example, Town Hall agendas,

It will take a long time to get there because of all the other google drive files. A training session would be involved in the future. This will be a process for the future. Since all of us can't get into google, this might be a one stop shop that all can get into and be user friendly.

We will hopefully be able to transfer to this, transition into SharePoint. Ron asked if other parish groups were using this as well? As of right now, no, but in the future it could happen to other ministries.

Town Hall 2024- Lisa

The dates for the Town Hall meeting have been set. They are in person, Sunday, February 4th (after Mass) & virtual, Wednesday, February 7th.

Each commission will be getting new pictures, and passing them along to the Pastoral Council Liaison. They can also send photos to Lisa Nimmer. Lisanims@charter.net

Each commission will give their pictures and 3-4 points on what they want us to say for this Town Hall event. At the meetings, start asking the commissions what they want to highlight.

The deadline for pictures is January 14th. The Ad Hoc Committee will work on the details.

Parish Director Report - Deacon Sandy

Steve gave the report on Deacon Sandy's behalf. He wanted to ask all those who were at the First Sunday of Advent Masses for feedback. There was a short discussion about the positives at that Advent Mass. The Town Hall dates were discussed and approved.

Discerning Council Items for Budget - 2024 - Each Council member names up to 2 and why, and we will vote to narrow it down to 5

1. New Member Ministry
2. Pastoral Council Retreat: Lisa said this is very valuable
 - a. Is it an option to have the cost shared by the members of the Pastoral Council for a portion of the cost.
 - b. Is it possible to have a budget for the Pastoral Council?
 - c. Once a year Pastoral Council dinner, celebrations and passing baton onto new members or celebrating the current Pastoral Council members and all the good work we have done throughout the year.
3. Good Shepherd Sunday

Budget Items discussion for Pastoral Council

Marge is looking for ideas and rank on budget items for the Pastoral Council. Ron asked if we could number them in priority order.

The results are as follows:

- (1) Good Shepherd Sunday / Stewardship 2024**
- (2) Pastoral Council retreat**
- (3) Member Directory**

The directory could be created in electronic and print formats.

Some other choices came up as well. They are as follows:

- a. Pastoral Council members dinner with spouses
- b. Possible parade float for outreach into the community
- c. Ministry appreciation dinner

Strategic Planning - All

[Strategic planning power point.pptx](#)

- 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.**

- Finance Council Update

Commission notes

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Items From the Floor:

- Pre-Mass: No pre-Mass in December

Open Discussion

- [Deanery Meeting](#) highlights - Bill

Closing Prayer - Led by Steve Grieb

Next Meeting: January Prayer Leader - Bill Gaynor

Important Dates:

Saturday, December 23rd - 4th Sunday in Advent Mass @ 4:30

December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass @ 4:00 & 6:30 PM

December 25th - Christmas Day Mass @ 9:30 AM