

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council
November 6th - 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)

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

Attendance: Ron Leonhardt, Bryan Ramsey, Sheri Youngs, Joan Plumley, Deacon Sandy, Ryan Goss, Steve Greib, Patrick Young, Craig Tautges, Bill Gaynor, Tim Nolan, Nick Zepnick, Tammy Hernke

Opening Prayer Ryan Goss

Welcome Stewardship Commission - Bryan Ramsey and Tim Nolan

Tim Nolan from the Stewardship Commission gave a talk to the Council about how being engaged with your faith and what we are trying to accomplish are important. Stewardship is not just about the financial part. Other factors such as community engagement, giving your time, talent, and treasure are attached to stewardship. Stewardship is so much more than just fundraising. Tim wanted others to know that the Stewardship Commission is trying to engage the parish community. They are using new ideas. They are wondering how we can get them to engage their time and others will follow.

The Stewardship Commission treasures that part where we are developing communication, and new conversation to promote the commission. Another topic they would like to express is that they are willing to help promote your ideas in order to help the parish support discussions and continue to be vibrant. When looking into the future, they would like to sustain and grow these concepts, engage you in your faith, and include you in our faith and mission.

Bryan Ramsey talked about the conference he attended. The Commission is very experienced in detail with all the experience they have had. Bryan is fortunate to have absorbed some of the wisdom from these members of Stewardship who have helped rub off on him and made something in him grow.

At the conference, Bryan was allowed to see what stewardship really is. He believes it is not just about money. He feels passionately about how we as Good Shepherd parishioners are trying to tell a story. He feels that all of our times, talents and treasures are pointed towards God. “It is what Jesus wants!”

Bryan still thinks we have a challenge about who we are. Whether you are an acolyte, a person who bakes for St Ben’s, someone who gives their time as a mission of faith, you are all

showing stewardship. He sees people who are living this stewardship and living out their faith through the parish.

Bryan's Big takeaway: 5 expressions of generosity: Study came out from a workshop on what generates excitement for who we are and causes people to give more.

- Conference: Thrivent
 - Monetary
 - Non Monetary
 - Hospitality
 - Emotional support
 - Volunteering / Direct Service

Comments and Questions:

Ron thought that Stewardship could, like other commissions, delegate other ministry groups that can be created and they can be self-sufficient. " We don't want to get into someone else's way!" So, let's coordinate with them to make sure it can be smooth. Bryan thought as well that we as a commission are not out there to force Stewardship into any group or commission. We are always there to enhance and offer assistance. We are not there to get in the way.

Deacon Sandy believes that Stewardship has matured over the last few years, we rallied around our stewardship 2024 and there is a schedule of events, so appreciative with the conversations that are being had. We are not even into 2024 and the ball is already rolling. You are not getting in the way! Deacon Sandy loves the Good Shepherd Cutout!

Proxies to the Archdiocese - Lisa

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There are 2 proxies: The Board of Trustees has to approve these. In the eyes of the State of Wisconsin, every church is a separate legal institution. Certain types of expenditures require an approval of the Board of Trustees. This Proxy gives permission by the archbishop, who is President of our corporation, to have the Pastor and Trustees of the parish act on his behalf. The Chair of the Finance Council signs to indicate Pastoral Council is aware of the proxies.

- Deacon Sandy stated the following regarding the purpose for these two proxies:
 - Enhanced outreach
 - Worship space upgrade
 - Building and Grounds upgrade
 - Technology updates
 - Financial security

The first (Proxy 1:) is for the security doors as part of the security sweep. One area to improve the security for the preschool coop. It is important to know that the coop already gave us \$8,000 dollars towards the completion of this project. These are the doors immediately outside Deacon Sandy's office, as well as a door at the top of the stairs to provide more security for the children. There will be cameras right at the door.

The second (Proxy 2:) is for Casa Maria outreach: They help women and children find housing. This is part of our outreach for Love one Another.

Town Hall 2024

There will be a Town Hall meeting on February 4, 2024 at 10:45 A.M. This will be an in-person gathering. The second gathering will be held on February 8th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The second gathering will be hosted virtually by Zoom. These dates are tentative.

For the powerpoint, please send pictures now to Tammy. The commission liaisons can keep track of the pictures from their own commissions.

Questions for the Commissions

- What two to three past activities would the commission like to highlight?
- What ideas or plans does the commission have for supporting parish goals?
 - Engaging young families and vibrancy of mass
- Would be nice to have Council members there
- Ideas for format
 - Powerpoint presentation showing what we do here
 - Four speakers with questions and answers
 - If it worked well, why not continue with it?
 - Less presentation, more discussion and conversation.
 - Two live presentations, one in person in Daniels Hall, the other on Zoom.
 - We asked each commission what they wanted us to highlight about their commission and we went from there.
- Ad Hoc Committee to work on details
 - We are looking for someone to create/manage the presentation

Parish Director Report - Deacon Sandy

- Advent 2023 Theme
 - The theme has already been decided.
 - We have a very challenging 4th Sunday of Advent. Attend Saturday December 23rd if you want to make your 4th Sunday obligation
 - December Christmas Eve: 4 PM and 6:30 PM
 - **Sunday, December 24th: NO 9:30 morning Mass.**
- Synod on Synodality: First Preliminary document was released from Rome.
 - Deacon Sandy is forming a team to bring Good Shepherd into Synodality, It would be nice to embrace this.
 - No Timeline for this just yet.
 - Example: Breakouts in circle tables. People talking to each other bringing discussions and thoughts about the Church and the future of the Church. Emphasis on the laity. The process is in the conversation and discussion.
- Clarity from the communication from the Finance Council
 - Discussion is confidential because sometimes personnel issues are discussed, and often budget projections are discussed before they are finalized

- Ryan will be giving a mini report and sharing with Council
- Additional Important Dates:
 - November 11th: Quincinetta Saturday 1 PM
 - November 23rd Thanksgiving Day Mass
 - December 16 and 17th Communal anointing
- Questions from Council

Document Sharing for Pastoral Council - Tammy and Ryan

- Update
- [488Pastoral Council Technology.docx](#)

The Pastoral Council had a good discussion about using one location for sharing documents like the minutes from the Pastoral Council. The discussion was a good start and will be continued in the future. Nick Zepnick made a motion to table this discussion to another day and to build a subgroup on how to structure the files.

- Tammy and Ryan will continue to work on this file structure system if someone will take over the Town Hall work.

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 Liaisons 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

Stewardship	Christian Formation	Prayer and Worship
Finance: (Emailed Separately)	Pastoral Care	Human Concerns
Deanery Minutes		

Items From the Floor:

- Pre-Mass: November 18th (Patrick and Lisa) and 19th (Sheri Youngs)
- [GalileeU Schedule](#)

- Bulletin Articles needed:

Open Discussion

Help with Budget Items for Marge and Pastoral Council

Budgeting needs

- Possible Commission needs:
 - Membership Welcoming committee
 - Invest in some sort of survey for the parish
 - Saints of Good Shepherd
 - Retreats as a possibility
 - Nick Zepnick: If you wanted a budget line item, ~~maybe~~ what would you need to fully implement the mission of Pastoral Council?

Closing Prayer - Deacon Sandy

Next Meeting: December 4th

- Prayer Leader - Sheri Youngs

Important Dates:

November - Stewardship Highlighting "Saints of Good Shepherd"

December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

December 7th - Immaculate Conception Mass of Anticipation

Agenda Items for next month:

- Deanery Meeting minutes and report
- More discussion about the Sharing of Files and a program that we would use to do that.