Pastoral Council Minutes

Present: Dcn Scot Berkley, Fr. Swami, Bill Lawrence, Terry Evans, Ev Stransky, Cheryl Meger, Ray Bissen, Stephen Nelson & Jackie Evans.

Call to Order & Prayer: 5:30 PM. Meeting lead by Bill Lawrence. Opening prayer by Fr. Swami.

Welcome & Introductions: New pastoral council member, Ray Bissen a 14 year member of the church, was welcomed.

Guest Attendee RE: re-opening the canopy drive: Tony Novak from building and grounds committee present the findings after much leg work was done by Bruce Louks and Bob Seykora to see if and what it would take to re-open the canopy drive. It is doable, some things such as garden fence and garbage dumpster would have to be moved to some degree but there is plenty of space. Cost would be approximately \$15,000-\$20,000. Building and Grounds is asking council to pursue parishioner input. It was noted that if after the input was received and the decision was made to re-open the canopy it would be on a one-year trial basis to see if there were issues. Bill noted that the insurance company was neutral as to the risk issue, so it is not a coverage issue. Tony gave other updates from Building and Grounds committee projects and then excused himself from the meeting.

After much discussion it was motioned by Terry that the pastoral council support exploring the revisiting of the canopy re-opening to vehicle drop off and pickup. This exploration would be via an email blast and bulletin notice to get parish member input as to their support, concerns with the re-opening for vehicle use. Motioned approved. It was also noted that any anonymous input would not be accepted or have much bearing on the direction to proceed.

<u>Review & approve May 17, 2022 meeting minutes:</u> Minutes were motioned and approved with one change as noted by Father. The tabernacle campaign motion was to include candlesticks not just candles.

Pastor's Report:

- Two new staff members. Kris Tucker- Admin Assistant and Stephen Nelson Director of Music & Liturgy.
- Brittany Boubin is the Religious Ed Director again this year. Things are off and running. The initial kickoff mass was well attended.
- Father will be attending the Priest retreat in Okoboji Iowa which runs Mon Thurs.

Old Business:

- Summer/Fall Picnic. Jackie reported the food will be walking tacos, hot dogs, a couple side salad options, cookies, coffee and lemonade. Serving will be inside with outside seating options if nice weather. Bill noted he has games & activities lined up, some with prizes. Terry does have the bouncy house lined up. It is no cost to us. We will try it again this year with hopes we will have more kids in attendance since we are starting right after 10:00 mass.
- Organizational Chart tabled to the next meeting due to time constraints.
- An exact update on the tabernacle campaign was not available, Father thought funds were at about \$13,000 with \$30,000 the goal. Terry and Bill have each present to the Knights of Columbus, 4th and 3rd degree respectively, for a donation to the campaign. They would most

likely not know if approved or have the funds until closer to year end. Joe Stilles will be speaking at all masses the first weekend of October. We will ask him to come to the next pastoral council meeting to give update. Then a decision will be made as to how long we proceed or if other tabernacle options need to be considered.

New Business:

- Council members list was sent out by Sandy via email. Bill added phone numbers of those missing. It was also discussed that Fr Swami's & Deacon's emails should be in the bulletin.
- Officer positions to be filled: Gene Simons is now off the council. Jackie volunteered to take over as Chair, Cheryl would take over as Secretary and the Trustees (Bill or Terry) would act as Vice Chair for the time being. New positions motioned and approved.
- Stephen brought up the Fellowship Sundays which take place typically first Sunday of the month. No volunteer has come forward. It was suggested that the pastoral council members & maybe Finance Council members take a month. Ray will tentatively cover Oct and Evans Nov.
- It was noted that the Social Justice committee is inactive and no plans in place for Thanksgiving Food baskets.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2022 @ 5:30 pm.

Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:

- Organization Chart revision
- Canopy Input
- Tabernacle Update
- Fellowship schedule
- Summer/Fall Picnic review

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned 7:05 PM. Closing prayer by Father.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Evans, Secretary