

Present: Msgr. Thomas Cook, Sandy Strand, Cheryl Meger, Terry Evans, Jackie Evans (by phone), Deacon Scot Berkley, and Bill Lawrence.

Call to Order & Prayer: Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Terry Evans, Trustee, filling in for Jackie Evans Council Chair. Msgr. Cook led the group in a Prayer for Peace.

Agenda Approval: Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and approve minutes from February 20, 2024, meeting: Motion was made by Jackie Evans to approve the minutes as written. Deacon Scot seconded the motion and all approved.

Old Business:

- **Additional Pastoral Council members** – we have not yet added anyone. Sandy will send out a reminder to all Pastoral Council members to make recommendations of potential members to Msgr. Cook. Bill Lawrence suggested Jim Joachim. A potential Hispanic member that is bilingual is Lupe; Msgr will speak with him. A pulpit chat was suggested to motivate potential participation. It was also noted that new Pastoral Council members should not all begin at the same time, as they all rotate out at the same time at the end of their term.
- **Parish Picnic** – will be held Saturday, September 28 after the 5:00 pm mass. (We celebrate Priesthood Sunday this weekend). We will have a potluck dinner, with the main dish provided by the parish. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm. Deacon Scot will contact Lucas Arendt to create a Bible Trivia game and small prizes, including holy cards and rosaries, will be offered. Terry Evans will contact Dave Lax about food.
- **REP Wednesday evening student/parent soup supper** – the date for the soup supper will be determined at the August Pastoral Council meeting (dependent upon the annual retreat dates for Msgr. Cook). Perhaps have the gym open for students after the meal and prior to classes. We will connect with the REP coordinator Brittany Boubin to discuss.

New Business:

- **Parish Directory** – we are looking to move forward with this project as our last directory was completed in 2017. Sandy Strand has reached out to Bart Hawkinson of Unique Church Solutions (that took over for Life Touch) as a potential vendor. A completion date of June 1, 2025, was suggested and Bill Lawrence asked Sandy Strand to reach out to Bart and ask him for a timeline from which we would begin to plan our work. Msgr. Cook requested that we begin taking photos for the parish life pages. This will be a Pastoral Council project and we will need to look for a committee chair to organize the project.

- **Communion reflection song sheets** – Jackie Evans noted that many of the song sheets that were placed in the back of the hymnals are missing. Stephen Nelson will be asked to replenish the missing sheets.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:

- Parish Directory
- Additional agenda items may be forwarded to the council chair via email.

Meeting Adjourned: Bill Lawrence made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Deacon Scot. Meeting was adjourned by Terry Evans at 6:29 pm.

5 Minute Break – followed by a joint meeting of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council to hear the Pastor’s Report.

Pastor’s Report:

- **Marian Drive Project** - Msgr. Cook informed the Councils that the project needs to be submitted for approval by the College of Consultors and the Bishop due to the cost of the project. The proposal would need to be submitted by May 1, 2024, to be reviewed at a May 10, 2024, meeting at the diocesan level. Plans were drawn up by Jones Haugh Smith and proposed costs for the project from Rocon, Inc and Steve James Construction. The City of Owatonna was consulted during the development of the plan. Msgr. Cook explained the project is a joint project with the St. Mary’s School, with the school proposing a 50/50 split of the costs. Some discussion followed about which entity will be responsible for which costs. St. Mary’s School did raise approximately \$75,000 through the “Big Give” at the Night of Knights Auction. There was also a discussion about the placement of the handicap parking spots – which will be a continued discussion between the church and school and the developer. Terry Evans made a motion to submit the proposed project to the Bishop as written. Tom Sager seconded the motion and all present were in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ann Meger, Secretary