

**Present:** Msgr. Thomas Cook, Sandy Strand, Cheryl Meger, Terry Evans, Jackie Evans, Shirley Schultz, Ev Stransky, Deacon Scot Berkley, and Bill Lawrence.

**Call to Order & Prayer:** Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Jackie Evans, Council Chair. Msgr. Cook led the group in the Memorare.

**Agenda Approval:** Agenda was reviewed and approved.

**Review and approve minutes from April 30, 2024, meeting:** Motion was made by Terry Evans to approve the minutes as written. Shirley Schultz seconded the motion and all approved.

**Old Business:**

- **Additional Pastoral Council members** – we have not yet added anyone. Msgr. Cook will speak with Lupe as a potential Hispanic member for the Council as he is bilingual. Shirley Schultz and Cheryl Meger will speak about the Pastoral Council and invite parishioners to consider becoming a member of the committee at each Mass the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and after Mass will answer questions in the parish center. The upcoming projects of parish picnic, parish directory, and REP meals will be highlighted. Also, information will be placed in the bulletin about the council. It was again 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 work to create and host a trivia game as Lukas Arendt is not available. Terry Evans confirmed Dave Lax will prepare the meat and beans. Jackie Evans will pursue a grant from Thrivent Financial for expenses. Bill Lawrence indicated the KC's will donate rosaries for prizes. Sandy Strand will create a flyer and put information in the bulletin and send out via email advertising the event, and help organize putting out books and literature that will be free for parishioners.
- **REP Wednesday evening student/parent soup supper** – the date for the soup supper will be determined at the November Pastoral Council meeting. Brittany Boubin was contacted about the event. Msgr. Cook will connect with the school principal about the date and time and potential use of the school cafeteria and gym. Jackie Evans will contact Linda Strand from St. Joseph Parish to alert them about the event and see if their parish would like to partner with us.
- **Parish Directory** – Jackie Evans and Cheryl Meger will meet with Bart Hawkinson of Unique Church Solutions to get the project dates established and learn more about the process. Potential dates for the photos are April 24 – May 5, 2025. Shirley Schultz's grandchildren will 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.

**New Business: None**

**Next Meeting:** November 19, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

**Agenda Planning for Next Meeting:**

- Parish Directory update
- Update on new Pastoral Council membership
- Final planning for REP soup supper and parish picnic
- Pastor Buegler presentation, question and answer session
- Additional agenda items may be forwarded to the council chair via email.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Terry Evans made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Cheryl Meger. Meeting was adjourned by Jackie Evans at 6:31 pm.

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

**Pastor’s Report:**

- **Capital Campaign** – Approximately \$166,000 has been raised, leaving us \$134,000 short of the goal. With a June 9, 2024, start date, we are over ‘half’ way to raising all the funds. Msgr. Cook will put a message in the bulletin regarding progress and reminding parishioners that envelopes are available. This will be followed by encouragement ‘from the pulpit’ in November. All funds need to be collected by the end of 2025.
- **Marian Drive Project** – This is a full two months behind schedule due to delayed permits from the city and state. Digging began on August 19, 2024.
- **Oak Hill Community Connections project** – Area churches have been asked to participate in financing the rent and utilities on a yearly basis for this facility which will provide comprehensive services for those in need, including housing. Rev. Todd Buegler from Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Board of Directors and is spearheading the campaign to involve all area churches. The yearly need is estimated to be around \$67,000, with \$35,000 already pledged by two area parishes. Several questions were posed including:
  - “Will the advertised services for health needs include abortion counseling?”
  - “Is the estimated dollar value requested inclusive of all rent and utilities, or just for the housing area?”
  - “Does Sacred Heart have money budgeted for assisting people in need? (We do not. Those that come to the rectory or parish office are directed to start with the St. Vincent De Paul Society to learn about community assistance.)”

It was decided to invite Pastor Buegler to our next meeting during the shared time between the Pastoral Council and Finance Council to learn more information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Ann Meger, Secretary