

SS Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

Attendees: Rev. Ted Jost, Joe Burke, Sharon Keller, Warren Ristine, Katherine Nicaise-Steffen, Irene Stranz, Kevin Morgan, Joan Haag, Lori Baker, Eileen Lyon, Rob Coutch, Leslie Brooks, Mary Flanagan, Dan Gerken, Sharon Coutch, Marcia De Fazio, Greg Jones, Judy Shelley

Excused: Rev. Jim Cuipek, Deacon Robb Ciezki, Rachael Rizzo, Karin Dusza, Lauren (Ren) Gibson, Amanda Przyklek, Jenifer Golinski, Deacon Dennis Conroy, Don Wach, Deacon Carl Koester, Deacon Roy Dibb, Holly Stuart

Unexcused: None

The meeting was held in the rectory and was called to order by President Warren Ristine at 6:05 PM. Opening Prayer/ song meditation presented by Joan. The mission statement was read by all.

The motion to approve the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes by Rob and the second by Joe was unanimously approved.

Announcements

Warren thanked the outgoing members for their service on the Pastoral Council; Irene Stranz, Mary Flanagan, and Deacon Roy Dibb.

Warren welcomed our new Pastoral Council members Sharon Coutch, Dan Gerken, and Marcia De Fazio.

Warren thanked Holly Stuart for being our Youth Rep on the Pastoral Council for her service and wished her luck in college.

Warren noted the many surprises that were announced this past week from the Diocese identifying schools and churches that will be closing. The upcoming Southern Vicariate meeting on June 13 will have more information. The clergy, deacons, and trustees will be attending this meeting. Father Ted hopes SSPP will remain since it is such a vibrant community.

Old Business

Irene thanked Joe and Leslie for their help on the Selection Committee. Irene shared that Father Matt did a great job with our selection process at Mass on May 19 at the 11:30 mass explaining how we have a selection process that is compared to a lottery where names are drawn from a hat.

Irene shared that the Road to Renewal now is on HOLD with the new announcements from the Diocese. Until the Family knows what our future is, things are on HOLD. However, the Spiritual Pillar worked cohesively as a family with Life in the Eucharist which was wonderful. Irene hoped that some were able

to attend. Father Jim did announce to the Family that our name for the family will be the “Eternal Flame Catholic Community” developed from the Family Administration Pillar.

New Business

Kevin shared a letter regarding the walking trail from Kathryn Walsh. She has reached out that there is an unofficial trail on the church property along 18th Mile Creek. This trail has been very comforting for this family to help cope with the loss of their son in a MVA.

Questions were brought up by the group what are they asking of SSPP? Are there liability issues? Perhaps need to consult the Dioscene lawyers. Where is the exact location? The group decided to invite Kathryn Walsh to the September meeting to talk to get more information.

Mary shared that on June 22 at 10 am at the Anna Mae Bird Sanctuary, an ecologist is coming and presenting. Mary shared that Kathryn started a walking group during COVID focus on the trails and getting kids involved.

Father Ted, asked who would maintain the trail? Mary believes Kathryn could share more details when she comes.

Subcommittee Updates

Fellowship sub-committee – Kathy has ordered the food. Kathy reminded the group to RSVP to Linda by June 24. Signs will be posted and a blurb in the bulletin for the Parishioners. Rob shared he has a keyboard if needed, Kathy will check with Nick.

Discipleship sub-committee Sharon shared that we have 8 new parishioners/families. Sharon brought supplies for the committee for baskets. The group will continue during the summer with welcome baskets.

The Ministry support sub-committee Irene shared that the ministry contact list with updates has been given to Don to update the master in computer. Irene will send an update to Mary to update the ministry card after she hears from the Elizabeth Ministry about their new name. Working on a blurb to be in the bulletin for Parishioners to fill in and drop in a basket interested in joining a ministry.

Warren reported that the building and grounds committee had no new report.

Standing Reports

no issues

For the Good of the Parish

Warren shared we received a letter from the Social Ministry thanking us for the basket we donated.

Please support the Lawn Fate in July which is supporting the school. Volunteers are still needed.

Mary shared there is a need list from the Outreach Center on Facebook for immediate need items.

Motion to conclude the Pastoral Council meeting Part 1 made by Leslie and second Kathy.

Begin of Pastoral Meeting for 2024-2025

Quick introduction of our new Pastoral Council Members

Election of Officers 2024-2025 taking place; Warren Ristine nominated for President, Warren accepted, all in favor. Sharon Keller was nominated for Vice President, and Sharon accepted the position, all in favor. Secretary position; Joan Haag was nominated, and she stated she would think about, the secretary position on HOLD.

Adjournment made by Lori, second by Joan. Prayer for Renewal read by all. Concluding with Pastoral Council picnic. Meeting ending 7:20 PM

Prayer for Renewal

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you.

Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next Pastoral Council meeting September **TBA**

Opening Prayer –Warren Ristine

Respectfully Submitted,

Irene Stranz

Pastoral Council Secretary