

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024 (*Note: March meeting was canceled*)
7:00 pm

Attending:

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Cathy Jones, Chris Colohan, Tom Bahr, Lois Ann Guschke, Chit Peters, John Thompson

Absent:

Arlene Masters, Alex Clark, Meera Del Favero, Erin Drumm, Beverly Freed, Joyce Navary, Melisa Phillingane

Cathy Jones led the group in opening prayer.

Leaking Roof Update

Melissa Pakurar reported that the contract has been signed with the architectural company. They are currently in the process of designing the actual work that needs to be done, which will include both sides of the roof. Once the contractor is selected and work begins, the project should take about two weeks.

Time, Talent, and Treasure Update

Main discussion point was offering opportunities for parishioners to become more involved in ministries. It was suggested that this fall (after the summer travel season) would be a good time to have a Ministry Fair to highlight the various ministries available here at St. Ann's.

Centennial Celebration Update

Katie Johnson reported that a committee has been formed with 16-18 enthusiastic parishioners to begin planning for our 100th anniversary. She and Melissa Pakurar will serve as staff liaison. The committee has put together a tentative calendar for celebrating to coincide with the liturgical year beginning November 2024 through November 2025.

Parish Directory

Chit Peters announced that photography sessions for an updated Parish Directory have been set up for June 3-8. Information was included in this week's parish e-mail and will be announced from the ambo this weekend. There will also be a flyer included in the bulletin. Sign-ups will be available in the Commons the next two weekends and available electronically as well. The last Parish Directory was in 2015.

International Food Festival

Mally Mason's email has changed, and we were unable to contact her via email or phone to confirm this month's meeting date for an update on the International Food Festival. Contact information has now been resolved. Katie mentioned that this festival may be part of the Centennial celebration as a highlight and recognition of the different cultures represented in our community.

Worship Space Crucifix Update

The proposal for the custom corpus that had been discussed for our worship space came back from the artisan and is much more than anticipated. Katie and Fr. Ernest will contact the donor to present options (artisan vs commercial) and try to confirm intention before proceeding further. Katie reported

that she is not optimistic about finding a used version that matches what we're looking for as both the diocesan and warehouse resources have indicated that that would be very rare.

Ministry Liaison Updates

Chit reported that Catholic Daughters would like to return to the church being open and have suggested using porters again. This group is willing to supply some volunteers, but Katie said they shouldn't be totally responsible for coverage. People that come during the day are usually either there to pray or to clean or set-up for an event. Currently they come to the office door to be let in, but people who want to pray might feel uncomfortable interrupting the office staff. John Thompson suggested using cameras, which he is familiar with. He and Melissa Pakurar will meet to discuss options. The consensus was to find a way to have the church open.

Cathy reported that the Food Pantry needs drivers to pick up from two Food Lion stores (Wathall and Jefferson Davis near Home Depot). There are pickups every day, and one driver per day is needed. This will be announced in the parish email and from the ambo in addition to the bulletin.

Cathy also reported that the Cemetery Committee is getting quotes to replace the large sign. It is currently wooden, but they are looking for something metal to fit into the current posts.

The Garden Ministry has some spots that need to be taken over.

A consolidated flyer will be used to request help for some of these immediate needs before we plan a larger Ministry Fair this fall.

Suggestion Box

Suggestions submitted were reviewed. Those with contact information will be followed up with the original submitter. Anonymous suggestions were also reviewed. If specific follow-up is desired, contact information should be included, but all suggestions are addressed at Parish Council meetings.

Closing

Fr. Ernest led the group in closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024.