

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

In Attendance

Fr. Joe, Kathy Burton, Ellen Cole, Linda Petitpas, Erica Zapatka, Bob Brinkerhoff, Bob Grissom, Cheryl Parsons, Larry Ghirardi, Russell Pagliughi, Lizzy McCarthy, Dave Wohlmuth

—Ex-Officio: Bill Thomas

Opening Prayer

Old Business

1. **Approval of September Minutes**

- Under “#8: Finance Council Report”, add “Diocesan” in front of “Bankruptcy”
 - Larry Ghirardi motioned to approve changes, Bob Grissom seconded

2. **Anniversary Event — Russell P.**

- Russell would like to do event(s) monthly
 - Would like young adults/families to be involved and choose type of events
- Gala 2025 — Russell wants to elevate event to make it special (and to bring in more \$)
 - Time of event: **Summer** would be better timing-wise
 - This event could be useful towards fundraising efforts
 - Russell thinks the theme should be “elevated”
 - Erica — had idea of forming a committee specifically for this event
 - Allow younger adults to be part of committee
 - Russell agrees to Chair
 - Council should decide on theme & location (Essex Yacht Club? Someone’s waterfront home — Sally Meyer?)
- Russell had idea of putting a “book of sponsors” together

3. **Retreat Follow-Up with Sr. Lany Jo — Cheryl**

- Kathy thought it was a wonderful event!
 - At retreat, council discussed who we are as Parish Council
 - Sr. Lany Jo didn’t finish agenda
 - Sr. Lany Jo offered to come to finish that section.
 - Date: **November 4th at next meeting, 7-9pm**

Cheryl/Kathy will reach out to Sr. Lany Jo about details (time, cost, etc)

4. **Fundraising Meeting Overview**

- **Committee:** Jean W., John Smith, D. Lavoie-Gonci, Rosemary Reid, Ellen Cole, Ron Paine
- Matt Strekel = discussed ideas of planning and fundraising efforts
 - Matt had idea of doing a “soft fundraising” in preparation for the big anniversary

5. **Liturgy Report — Ellen**

- Not going to do an Advent Mission; will decide at next meeting about a Lenten Mission
- Discussed missalettes and decided do not need more in parish
 - Start an education campaign about not needing the missalettes
 - Would like to have a training session for lectors
- “Welcoming Ministry” = make announcements before mass, mention silencing phones, etc.
 - Consider forming a committee for this ministry

Old Business (con't)

6. Coffee with Faith Formation

- Good turnout; Some families came by after Faith Formation
- Move Coffee Hour closer to classrooms/OLGC Parish Hall?
 - a) Schedule next Coffee Hours
 - Pro-Life will host Coffee Hour in November (**Nov. 10?**)
 - Lizzy McCarthy will check and get back to us

7. Church Clean-Up

- People not happy with how church looks
 - Erica suggested checking office calendar and deciding on date during Lent
- It is suggested to have some people who can take the lead on certain areas of the church
 - Bob B suggested someone should walk through the church
 - Linda had idea of bringing younger adults in to help
 - Erica will contact different people and will make sign up sheets

New Business

1. Staff Changes — Fr. Joe

- Erica Zapatka — Interim Director of Faith Formation
- Kim Whitcomb — Parish Secretary (begins Oct. 14)

2. CTK Merch

- Erica will look at a few companies & figure out prices for items (hats, polos, totes, etc.)
 - Would like to do all of this before Christmas
- Council talked about logo design ideas
- Erica thinks the set up may take a bit of time

3. Finance Report — Jean W.

- Fr. Joe said finance report is all set to go; planning to put in the bulletin next weekend

4. Parishioners News

- Bob B would like to discuss doing Ministry Fair again
- Men's Club discussed plans for American flag in parking lot
- Jules Sciocchetti — had idea of helping NC hurricane victims by collecting items
 - Looking to bring the truck of items **Oct. 20th**
- Outreach to Haiti — Ron Paine did Bike Ride for Haiti
 - Still able to give donation for him

5. Pastor Concerns

- Jim Pepitone — no other news about the program
- No concerns; wants to thank everyone!

Next Meeting: November 4th, and December 2nd

Closing Prayer — 8:06 pm

Happy Fall!