

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

In Attendance

Fr. Joe, Kathy Burton, Erica Zapatka, Ellen Cole, Bob Brinkerhoff, Al Taday, Larry Ghirardi, Cheryl Parsons
—Ex-Officio: Bill Thomas, Louise Young

Opening Prayer

Old Business

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- Nothing to change; Ellen suggested make any changes and send in email to committee
 - Larry motioned to approve changes as written, Ellen seconded motion

2. **Retreat — Cheryl**

- Cheryl spoke to Sr. Lany Jo —> **Sept. 28th** is reserved for retreat
 - Sr. Lany Jo will need money when there's a final count
 - Cheryl will email Council beginning of August
- Council confirmed that retreat will only be for Parish Council

3. **Parish Life Coffee (May?) — Lizzy**

- Lizzy reached out to Walking with Purpose; WWP unavailable for May Coffee Hour
 - WWP open to sponsoring in Aug or Sept.
- Ellen suggested Fr. Walter's anniversary reception could take the place of coffee hour this time. Maybe host a Coffee Hour in summer on sidewalk in front of entrance (weather permitting)
 - Choir may be available to sponsor the Coffee Hour in summer

4. **Pancake Breakfast**

- Erica and Bob B said there was a great turnout — about 110 people
 - Many parents stayed after dropping kids off
 - Pancake Breakfast was a good way to finish off the year
- Erica had idea of having similar event at beginning of FF year

5. **Picnic Update (June 29th) — Bob G, Bob B and Al**

- Bob G and Bob B met to discuss layout of outdoor games in courtyard
 - Bob B suggested needing more input (ex: younger volunteers to help)
 - Al said 25 people signed up so far to help
- Planning process should begin **soon!**
 - Bob B said: need to figure out specific roles of the subcommittees (food, games, etc.)
- Entertainment: Another musician (parishioner) offered to play at picnic, but we have already contracted with other person
- Bob G reached out to St. Vincent DePaul; SVDP is very excited to work with us
 - We will collect food items as admission
 - Church will provide main food/drinks; families bring sides, salads or desserts
 - St. Vincent DePaul will be in touch closer to event

6. **20th Anniversary Celebration**

Three components: Liturgical (hoping to get Bishop Cote), Fundraising, and fun celebration

- At this point = Unsure if Bishop Cote can come
- Bishop makes Confirmation schedule a year out = Louise will call Diocese to check date for Anniversary Mass
 - *20th Anniversary Mass Date: **November 23, 2025 (Feast of CTK)***

A. Fundraising Component

- Kathy said Jean W. feels paying off mortgage is not the best goal
- Ellen: In minutes from April meeting, Jean recommended we **do** fundraise w/ paying off mortgage as goal; monies that are currently set aside for mortgage could be used for other purposes
- Fr. Joe: paying mortgage is important, there are other issues to consider (roof, heating, etc.)
- Ellen said we do not have to call it an “endowment” = could make it a “maintenance fund” instead
- Kathy asked John Smith about facilities needs
 - John sent email listing specific issues that need to be addressed (ex: roof)
- Kathy suggested Facilities Manager might be good idea to oversee maintenance of church
- Fundraising Goal: Focus on building maintenance?
 - Bill said there’s emotional impact to paying off mortgage; people will get behind this
 - Bob B suggested we want to maintain the physical beauty of church
 - Erica thought the reason we’re not clustered with other parishes is that we have mortgage
- Council decided a committee should be formed and work w/ Finance Committee

7. Building Updates

- Automatic Door Install —> **May 17th**; waiting to hear back from Contractor
- Sidewalk lighting dependent on “call before you dig” assessment

New Business

1. CTK Meal Site — Louise

- Seniors will meet 3x/week (Tues/Wed/Thurs)
 - Don’t have their July insurance certificate; currently has fiscal year insurance
 - Starting First Tuesday in June through end of July (not counting 4th of July)
- Only using hall and kitchen to **warm the food**
- Compensation = **\$250/week**

2. Celebration of Fr. Walter’s 25th Anniversary — Ellen

- Ellen spoke w/ Fr. Walter; Fr. Walter can be celebrant at Mass, family can come
 - Date: **June 2nd (Corpus Christi)**; Reception in hall after the 10:30am mass
 - Emails will be sent out to church

3. Parishioners Concerns

- Linda asked about missalettes; issue sent to Liturgy Committee to discuss
- **May 31st** — “Evening w/ Susan Conroy” (published author, worked w/ Mother Teresa)
 - Event = **6:00pm in church**, reception in hall to follow (*Event postponed*)
- Erica: if there’s extra \$ = request for a few small Smart TVs for each meeting room (FF)
- Bob Brinkerhoff: Men’s Club “Steak Night” = **August 10th**
- Comedian Dave Kane: Great Turnout! ~100 people showed; Louise said we made **\$780**
- VFW Dinner will not be at CTK this year; will be at OL Country Club instead

Pastor Comments

- At beginning of meeting, Fr. Joe mentioned we may have EMTs return to speak about Narcan.

Next Meeting: *September*

- Council thinks June 3rd meeting is not necessary; subcommittees will meet on their own
 - Ellen suggested reporting could be shared by email

Closing Prayer — 8:20pm