

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda**  
**April 1, 2019**  
**Mary of Magdala Chapel – 7:00 P.M.**

*Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy, that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries, reach out with active concern to those in need."*

**2018/2019 Goal:** *"Make parish activities more appealing, accessible and available so that more families and individuals will participate."*

**Present:** Michael Crownover, Sharon Ellis, Rudi Gutierrez, Judy Koenings, George Koleas, Bill Latus, Anne Meyer, Jackie Michaels, Lisa Nimmer, Karen Papador, Pat Sievers, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Warren

**Absent:** None

**Guests Present:** Joyce Guinn, Nancy Hassenfelt, Maureen Janosch (Listening to Women Ministry), Barb Korneth, Cheryl Matusiak (Pastoral Care Commission), Anne Meyers (Pastoral Care Commission)

***(March 2019 minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)***

**Welcome/Opening Prayer** - led by Pat Sievers

**Parish Director Report** – Deacon Sandy

- Condolences to Judy Koenings on the passing of her mother.
- Recognition of Pat Sievers and all Good Shepherd delegates to Ellacuria.
- Reminder that Deacon Sandy will attend full Pastoral Council meetings bi-monthly. On alternate months he will either attend briefly to answer questions or submit a written report.
- According to the annual report we send to the archdiocese, for the year 2018 we had 17 households leave the parish – and 33 new households. As of the end of December we have 637 households / 1472 registered Catholics. (We have many additional members who are not registered as Catholic - the archdiocese wants to know only the number of registered Catholics)

**Commission Report – Pastoral Care** by Cheryl Matusiak

- Cheryl presented an Overview of the Pastoral Care Commission's purpose and goal, which is to foster love, compassion and support in a holistic atmosphere.
  - Meets people where they are
  - Goes outside of the parish walls/membership as needs are identified
- She also reviewed the various Pastoral Care ministries at Good Shepherd:
  - Visitation Ministry
  - Wellness Weekend
  - Card Ministry
  - Bereavement Ministry
  - Personal Prayer Ministry

- Healing Prayer Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Prayer Network
- Winter Farmers Market

**Guest Topic – Listening to Women Ministry** by Maureen Janosch

- Meet monthly – about 25 people – giving women a forum where they are being heard. Still defining and discerning their place within Good Shepherd.
- Mission statement is to work towards strengthening the Catholic church of the future by encouraging a community where all people are recognized equally and share in the responsibilities for spiritual growth.
- Will have article in Breaking Bread and working with Stewardship Commission to help raise awareness.

**Open Discussion -**

- Update on 2019 Discernment Process – Mike
  - Nominations have been entered to the spreadsheet. Three people self-nominated.
  - Two people have been nominated for Trustee position. Neither was self-nominated.
    - Bill and Sharon will be glad to speak with/answer questions for any Trustee nominee.
    - If there is more than 1 person wanting to serve as Trustee there will be an election held prior to June 30 (end of fiscal year/current Trustee term).
  - Mike will create calling lists and distribute by mid-April.
    - Info meetings will be held May 1 and 4.
    - Discernment for Council positions will be held May 11.
      - Sharon noted that assistance is available from the Archdiocese in this process.
    - Installation is June 1 and 2.
- Worship Space Update - Pat/Lisa/Mike/Judy
  - Met with Tim Ehlinger and Sr. Joann in the church space regarding relocation of music groups to the Northeast corner. This will be phase 1 and will be communicated to the parish at-large. Timing is still TBD, but tentatively Holy Week.
  - Next step is to get bids for construction of the wall, electrical, etc.
- Update on El Salvador trip – Pat Sievers
  - Pat shared the group’s itinerary and experiences from the trip. Everything went smoothly and was very emotionally and spiritually moving. Infrastructure was improved compared to Pat’s trip 5 years ago.
- Update on our 2018-2019 Goal - All
  - George reviewed the minutes from the various commissions from the past year. He proposed we find a way to standardize the formatting of the minutes from the commissions; i.e., begin by saying what the commission is about, listing attendance, etc.

- George also raised that the pastoral council goal is mentioned sporadically in the commission minutes, and there was not much discussion/activity evident in response to addressing/ advancing issues raised in the parish gatherings.
- Sharon recommended that a template be developed for the minutes, including a section indicating what is being done in advancing the pastoral council goal. George agreed to develop the template and bring it to next month's council meeting for review and further discussion.
  - Sharon recommended a PAR approach (Preparation-Action-Reflection) to doing this.
- Judy mentioned that Stewardship Commission had indicated they were working on a matrix of all ministries to give Council a better view of when various activities are taking place at Good Shepherd. (*Post minutes addition: This needs to be confirmed or clarified by Judy. Stewardship Commission has not identified tasks or efforts related to compiling a GS ministry activity list.*)
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### **Commission/Committee Questions**

Please review the minutes from each Commission (sent to you by Karen P) prior to the meeting and come with any questions you have. If you are on a Commission that does not publish minutes, please plan to give an update.

- **Finance Council Update** by Sharon Ellis & Bill Latus
  - Worked on first draft of next year's budget. Anticipated expenditures for the next fiscal year are 7% over anticipated income. Even utilizing withdrawals up to maximum allowable limits from the Eschweiler Fund, there is a 2% estimated shortfall. Finance Council will be reviewing budget and making difficult recommendations to determine how to balance the budget.
    - If we need to dip into the Eschweiler New Century Fund to balance the budget, that is not a sustainable model.
- Received commitment cards from only 289 households out of 637 total parish households, making it difficult to accurately project a balanced budget.
- Finance Council Policies are about 95% complete and will be coming to Pastoral Council as an informational document when complete.
  - Pastoral Council Policies – status unknown.
- Between 5/11 and 6/30 we will need to announce candidates and hold elections if necessary for the Trustee position.

### **Items From the Floor:**

- One person is still needed for washing feet on Holy Thursday. Please contact Lisa Nimmer if you can help. Lisa will send an email to remind all.
- Reminder that Pat Seitz will not be available for taking minutes at the May 6 meeting. Karen Papador (Secretary) will need to take and distribute minutes.

**Pre-Mass Update:** April update will be done by the Finance Council.

**Next Meeting:** May 6, 2019 Prayer Leader: Karen Warren

**Closing Prayer:** - All

**Important Dates:**

4/14/19: Christian Passover Meal, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

4/18/19, 4/19/19, 4/20/19: Triduum

4/21/19: Easter

5/01 & 5/04/19: Pastoral Council information sessions for new Nominees

5/03/19: Ministry dinner. Staff and Council members are the servers. More information will be coming from Becky.

05/10/19: Pastoral Council Discernment session

6/02/19: Confirmation at Good Shepherd with Archbishop ListECKi

6/09/19: Pentecost

8/10/19: Corn Roast