



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes October 1, 2018

“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.”

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

Absent: Bill Latus

Guests Present: Joyce Guinn, Barb Korneth

Welcome by Judy Koenings

Opening Prayer by Michael Crownover

(September 2018 minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)

Commission Spotlight – Christian Formation

Mike Crain and Corinna Ramsey provided the update. The focus of Christian Formation is bringing people into closer relationship with God, with Jesus.

Over the past 6 years there has been an upward trend in participation in GOF (Generations of Faith). Goal is to at minimum maintain but then to continually grow in participation while also keeping content fresh to appeal to increasing numbers of people. Growing Faith is not separate from GOF but is a component of the GOF program that specifically reaches out and ministers to the children. The Growing Faith element is designed to provide the elements of the faith at an age-appropriate level for younger people to then bring their level of understanding to the larger GOF program. Our GOF is unique in that we invite the entire parish to participate whereas other GOF programs invite families only.

Listen to the Lord occurs every weekend EXCEPT GOF weekends.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is offered for the elementary school children. Last year 150 children participated, and 40 high school age students assisted the 40 adult volunteers.

Matthew 25 is a local workcamp for 6th grade - 12th grade students. Last year 64 teens and 38 adult volunteers participated.

Catholic Heart national workcamp is for 8th grade – 12th grade students. Last year there were 33 students and 8 adult volunteers.

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) provides social activities and takes place once per month. Young Adult (20s and 30s) programming promotes Brewing the Faith, the College Care Connection, and Brew City Catholic (website).

The parish app is a primary source of communication, along with Facebook and Instagram. Twice per year Christian Formation holds a Parish Game Night for all parishioners.

Parish Director Report – Deacon Sandy Sites

Fr. Marty Update and Mass Coverage – Fr. Marty is hoping to return by Thanksgiving, depending on his rate of recovery. Fr. Richard stepped forward to cover additional masses, and some of the younger Capuchins may also be assisting.

Staff Performance Evaluations – All supervisors will have direct-report sessions (50% supervisor to director affirmation and goal setting, and 50% from the direct report to the supervisor). Evaluations are underway and are expected to be complete by the end of October.

Question for Discussion - Deacon Sandy put forth the idea of his attending the Pastoral Council Meeting every other month (and the St. James Pastoral Council Meeting on the alternate months). Written reports would be sent on the months he would not physically attend the meeting. Council is asked to consider and give thoughts next month.

Feedback on St. James Listening Sessions – Two listening sessions were held, 40 at one session, and 80 at the other. Healthy discussions among diverse groups were held.

Resources for Nov 6 Elections: Archdiocese – <https://www.archmil.org/offices/social-justice/Faithful-Citizenship.htm>. Wisconsin Catholic – http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/faithful_citizenship.cfm.

Open Discussion

Feedback from 9/22 Joint Leadership Gathering with St. James and Good Shepherd – This was a good informal opportunity to meet with counterparts. Suggested that we share rosters at future gatherings so that communications and exchange of ideas can be on-going. It's important that we share the "why" of what we are doing with the parish-at-large (collaboration, sharing gifts, etc.).

Finalize plans for Parish Gathering structure (discussed prior to the meeting) – Gathering will take place in the church. Lisa will speak with Sr. Joann about beginning with prayer. Guidelines will be shared – we are gathered to share in a respectful manner what is working and what is not working. All items will be captured and responded to either immediately or if necessary at a later time. George and Sharon will be capturing the notes. Judy will be leading the conversation on Saturday, and Mike will lead the conversation on Thursday. From this, council will identify 2 or 3 items that we should be focusing on for the next year. The gathering will end with prayer.

Administrative/Housekeeping Topics:

Use of Google for Online Documents

Process of approval of meeting minutes – Pat will send to Karen to upload to Google Docs. Karen will send link to council members for review/comments/changes/corrections. Once minutes are in the final form all council members will be asked for final approval.

Sign-ups for pre-Mass Council Update/Welcoming – Please go to Google Docs and enter your name in open spots. Judy will compose the talking points to use each month.

Opening prayer for the council meeting – Please check the document to see where your name appears.

Commission/Committee Questions

Prayer & Worship Commission- Lisa Nimmer

Finance Council - Rudi Gutierrez, George Koleas

Human Concerns Commission - Jackie Michaels, Karen Warren

Christian Formation Commission - Michael Crownover, Karen Papador

Pastoral Care Commission - Jackie Michaels

Stewardship Commission - Lisa Nimmer, Pat Sievers

Pat Sievers provided update. Discussion was held regarding the New Life Ministries display that was the focus in September. Saturday did not generate a lot of traffic, but Sunday was more successful. Next hospitality hosting by Stewardship will be November 17-18 (Holy Happy Hour).

Closing Prayer - All