



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful, spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our 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."*

I. Meeting Details

- A. Meeting Date: October 7, 2019
- B. Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
 - Time Allotted: 90 Minutes
- C. Meeting Location: Mary of Magdala Chapel
- D. Present: Michael Crownover, Rudi Gutierrez, Judy Koenings, George Koleas, Ron Leonhardt, Donna Makowski, Jackie Michaels, Lisa Nimmer, Dan Popp, Steve Schmitt, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Warren
- E. Guests: Lisa Kovaleski (Vice Chair, St. James Pastoral Council), Sr Virgine, Joyce Quinn, Nancy Hassenfelt, Pat Sievers
- F. Absent/Excused: None
- G. Minutes taken by: Pat Seitz
- H. Opening Prayer Leader: George Koleas
- I. September minutes were approved by consensus via email

II. Agenda/Reports and

III. Results

Parish Director Report by Deacon Sandy

- A. Update on Archdiocesan Planning effort
 - Discussion with Lisa Kovaleski as to St. James' approach to strategic planning; and additionally, how Good Shepherd and St. James might work together in approaching strategic planning for each parish.
 - Sandy shared that the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) approached the Archdiocese and offered planning assistance that would be data driven. Therefore, CLI will invite all parishioners, trustees, staff, council members,

etc. to participate in an archdiocesan-wide survey which will then be shared at all levels, including the parish level. Rich Harter, Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and former Good Shepherd parishioner, has offered to come to assist Good Shepherd and St. James in strategic thinking. Monday 11/4 at 6:15 in the worship space at Good Shepherd will be the first meeting with Rich, including both the councils of St. James and Good Shepherd.

- The Archdiocese will be conducting a capital campaign. It was reported that 60% of the funds raised will remain with the parish.

Open Discussion -

- Agenda addition: Sr. Virgine asked to address the Council. She is concerned about what is happening with climate change. She would like to form a task force to pray-study-act in discerning opportunities for Good Shepherd to impact climate change and educate, and is requesting Council's approval for her to invite parishioners to begin these discussions. The next 2 "In the Spotlight" speakers will be addressing climate change.
 - Suggested additional discussions with Tim Ehlinger and Greg Goss.
 - Council will pray and discuss, with further direction to be shared at the November council meeting.
 - Thanks to Sr. Virgine for bringing this to the Council for discussion and consideration.
- Update on Strategic Planning and a parish-wide Survey
 - George and Ron had been asked to meet, develop direction/suggestions, and report back to Council. They have done so; and now ask that their work be shelved for the time being because of the upcoming CLI survey work with the archdiocese.
- Worship Space Update - Judy, Lisa and Mike
 - Written update was distributed prior to the meeting. Judy walked through the options and estimates.
 - Greg Goss will bring this information to the next Finance Council meeting for discussion, direction, and possible decision.
 - Next steps include:
 - Updating architectural drawings
 - Sharing plans with the Archdiocese for approval
 - Soliciting additional estimates (minimum of 3 for each portion of the upgrades)
 - Communicating to the parish following decisions by Finance Council
 - Development of a plan/schedule for implementation

- Deanery Meetings - Need to recruit a new person or persons to represent Good Shepherd
 - Deanery meets in Fall and Spring – group of regional parishes that discuss big-picture subjects and exchange information that impacts the region. Last year Judy attended the Fall meeting and Mike attended in Spring. Judy and Mike are both in their last year of Council, so a new representative is needed. Next Deanery meeting is 10/21/19 at Holy Apostles in New Berlin at 6:30 p.m. Judy has the agenda and handouts.
 - Lisa Nimmer is interested in attending the October meeting. Judy will forward agenda and handouts to her.
 - Rudi Gutierrez is unable to attend the October meeting, but is interested in attending in the Spring.

- Plan to Review and Revise Parish Policies
 - George Koleas, Ron Leonhardt, and Deacon Sandy have agreed to review parish policies and report back to the entire Council with recommendations for any proposed revisions.
 - All Council members should review the policies prior to the next meeting. Judy will send a separate email with a link to the specific document. If a member feels an update is needed, please send that information to George, Ron, or Deacon Sandy.

B. Commission/Committee Questions

- Finance Council Update – In general our finances are running behind last year as parish contributions are down. Expenses are being held in check. Investments are moving in a positive direction. Greg Goss is the new Chair of the Finance Council.

C. Items from the Floor

- Council members would like to meet with each Commission at least once during the year. Judy will pull together 3 questions for each Commission to address when they come to meet with Council.
- Town Hall Meeting will be planned for November. Judy will call the office to check on available dates.

D. Pre-Mass Update –

- October 26/27 - Stewardship Commission (determined after the meeting)
- November 23/24 – Finance Council (determined after the meeting)

IV. Next Meeting Details

- Meeting Date: November 4, 2019

- Meeting Time – **NOTE NEW TIME:** 6:15 p.m. – Meet in Worship Space at Good Shepherd with Rich Harter and St. James Pastoral Council; followed by regular Council meeting in the Chapel
- Time Allotted: 45 minutes for meeting with Rich Harter; 90 minutes for Council meeting
- Meeting Location: Mary of Magdala Chapel
- Agenda: Will be distributed prior to meeting
- Prayer Leader: Ron Leonhardt
- Steps to be taken before the next meeting
 - Review Parish Policies for possible revisions.

VI. Important Dates to Remember

- 10/19: Good Shepherd & St. James Formation evening
- 10/31: All Saints Mass of Anticipation
- 11/4: 6:15 p.m. meeting with Rich Harter and St. James Pastoral Council
- 11/28: Thanksgiving Day Mass
- 11/30-12/1: First Sunday of Advent
- 12/8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/17: Communal Reconciliation

VII. Closing Prayer – All