



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes August 6, 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: Linda Belkowski, Deborah Bowers, 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

Absent: Karen Warren, *excused outgoing members Arleen Mantel, Karen Spivey*

Guests Present: Joyce Guinn, Nancy Hassenfelt

Welcome by Linda Belkowski

Opening Prayer led by Deb Bowers

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

Parish Director Report – Deacon Sandy Sites

Gratitude - Deacon Sandy voiced his thanks and admiration of incoming, ongoing, and outgoing members of the Council.

Notice - Fr. David Reith (our supervising priest) will preside at the Corn Roast mass this weekend (not the Sunday mass). Fr. Reith is one of the eight Vicars General for the Archdiocese, the Vicar for Catholic Charities, and the Supervising Priest for Good Shepherd and St. James.

Worship Space Upgrade Project – Initiated by a gift from the Stellflug family. Renderings will be shared with Council at the September meeting and a sub-committee formed to investigate and potentially advance the project. Finance Council is aware of the project. Current funds availability is \$50K.

Commission/Committee Updates

Prayer & Worship Commission- Judy Koenings
No meeting.

Finance Council - Debbie Bowers

Reviewed end of year financials. Submitted budget to the Archdiocese for final approval. We are showing a slight deficit (within acceptable range per the Archdiocesan guidelines). Parking lot maintenance was discussed.

Human Concerns Commission - Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer
No meeting.

Christian Formation Commission - Michael Crownover, Karen Papador
No meeting.

Pastoral Care Commission - Debbie Bowers, Anne Meyer
No meeting.

Stewardship Commission - Pat Sievers
Lightbulbs have been changed to LED in the church. Pancake breakfast was a great success; and the KCs sent an additional donation to Good Shepherd as a result.

Commission has been discussing the Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic (book by Matthew Kelly). Would like to begin discussion groups. Deacon Sandy recommended we wait for that discussion until following the Amazing Parish conference 10/17-18 to see what may come out of that gathering.

Stewardship Commission will be hosting hospitality the last weekend of September.

2018/2019 Council – Linda Belkowski

Linda, Karen, Deb, and Anne will be leaving council this year and are thanked for their service. Arleen has resigned her position for personal reasons and is thanked for her service.

New council members were welcomed and advised to check their mailboxes in Daniels Hall on a regular basis. Nametags will be distributed via the mailboxes.

Council Discernment - Debbie Bowers, Linda Belkowski, Judy Koenings, Anne Meyer
Position descriptions were read for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Discernment results are as follows:

Judy Koenings (Chair)
Michael Crownover (Vice-Chair)
Karen Papador (Secretary)

Commission liaisons were determined as follows:

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

Committees:

Council Formation Committee – Rudi Gutierrez, Judy Koenings, Pat Sievers

Discernment Committee – Michael Crownover, Judy Koenings

Open Discussion – Pastoral Council mission/goals going forward (*brainstorming conducted May 2018 – will keep visible in the minutes for future consideration and discernment*)

- How we interact and what we do together with cluster counterparts at the Council level at St. James.
- Increase the number of families or individuals involved in ministries (not more ministries, more people involved).
- Increase the diversity of Good Shepherd.
- Increase the community atmosphere of Good Shepherd.
- How do we make being involved with different parts of the parish more appealing?
- Would like more professional music. (NOTE: Deacon Sandy and Sr. Joann are meeting regarding the future of the music ministry in light of moving to one Sunday mass.)
- Happy Holy Hour (or Holy Happy Hour?)
- Have Council create a standing committee to work with the staff to address communication needs.
- Develop an annual working calendar rather than a monthly calendar; i.e., have each commission scheduled for 1 meeting (chairperson and staff person) to give a 5-8 minute presentation as to what they are doing; have Mark come in quarterly for financial updates; be more proactive in approaching people in the parish; be more visible in the parish as Pastoral Council representatives; address issues from the Town Hall meetings – what are action items?)
- Review and resolve outdated parish policies.
- Review and resolve outdated pastoral council appendix norms.
- Develop and execute a plan for ongoing council formation.
- Worship space redesign - plan and discussions.
- Goal of early Fall 2018 to discern top 3 from this list.

Closing Prayer - All

Important Dates

8/11/18 – Corn Roast and Outdoor Mass at Good Shepherd

9/08-09/18 – Commissioning/blessing of council members (all Masses)

9/10/18 – September Pastoral Council Meeting

9/17/18 – September Commission Meetings

9/17/18 – September Finance Council Meeting

9/22/18 – Good Shepherd/St. James Staff/Council Leadership Gathering (social)

10/01/18 – October Pastoral Council Meeting

10/06/18 – Parish Gathering #1 (immediately following mass)

10/08/18 – October Commission Meetings

10/11/18 – Parish Gathering #2 (tentative)

10/15/18 – October Finance Council Meeting

10/17-19/18 – Amazing Parish Conference

Sept, Nov, Jan – Multi-Parish Institute (dates have changed)

February 2019 – Councils Congress – Pastoral Council and Finance Council Chairs, 1 Trustee, Pastor/Parish Director are to attend