

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes
September 10, 2018
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on Office– 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."

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

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

Guests: Joyce Guinn, Nancy Hassenfelt, Mary Ann Craig

Welcome/Opening Prayer by Judy Koenings

Open Discussion -

Pastoral Council Goals for 2018/2019

- See list at end of agenda
- Reflect on the list and come with thoughts/ideas/questions **37668372**

- Highlighted changes to list at end of minutes

Worship space upgrade project

- History
 - Stelpflug Memorial Designated Gift
 - **Invited** Conrad Schmidt to Worship Space
 - **Consulted** with family: their biggest wish is to let in more natural light on east wall, possibly with the windows from rendering purchased at a discount from Conrad Schmidt
 - **Gathered** ideas from both Councils, staff, PWC
 - **Voted and Prioritized** (See spreadsheet)--create an accessible storage space for music group, flooring, audio updated, etc
 - **Formed a** small group task force - **reported** findings: small group recommended that we do not lose the stained glass windows (Conrad Schmidt recommended putting them on glass narthex wall), let in more natural light on east wall, do not change the existing baptismal font
- Overview, Renderings - Sandy (On Screen)--project **if approved could** be in phases with possible capital campaigns
- Formation of a small task force (3-5 people) needed to carry project forward (how to communicate to the parish, next steps needed, costs, consult with three contractors, consult with previous small group). Council was asked for volunteers for this small group. The following people asked to be in this group: Lisa Nimmer, Pat Sievers, Mike Crownover, Judy Koenings. In addition, Sr. Joan and Deacon Sandy Sites will be consulted.

- Archdiocese Prayer and Worship was contacted and indicated they see no major issues and feel the archbishop would approve
- When a formal plan is ready, we need to go to Archdiocese Buildings and Grounds Committee

Administrative/Housekeeping topics:

- Expectations for Council Updates given before Masses--4th Sunday of the Month, purpose is for visibility of council members, brief update from council meetings, decide at the council meetings what 2-3 key ideas will be given at mass so that Saturday and Sunday mass is same, then Judy will send a script to the council member who is doing the update before mass
 - Use of Google for Online Documents - Demo and expectations
 - Foundation Documents
- Sign-ups for pre-Mass Council Update/Welcoming
- Opening Prayer assigned to council members for council meetings
- Process for approval of meeting minutes

Commission/Committee Questions

We will be keeping this portion of the agenda very brief. Each Council Member is expected to review the minutes from each Commission (sent to you by Karen P) prior to the meeting and come with any questions you have. Future commission minutes will be found on Google Drive. Once uploaded, an email will be sent to council members to read them prior to the next council meeting.

- Stewardship clarification: flags are marketing flags (feather banners)
- Pastoral care: George Koleas commented that cards sent to parishioners is appreciated (especially by his mother who received them)

Parish Director Report – Deacon Sandy

- Fr. Marty status--in good spirits, needs more rest, projected to return by end of September, until then other capuchins will be helping out
- 9/22 SJ/GS Leadership Gathering - 4:30 pm mass at Good Shepherd, then hospitality-- put on name tags, find your commission counterpart and eat/drink: coffee, wine (Lisa), cheese/crackers (Pat, Karen P), fruit, dessert (Jackie), name tags (Sharon)
- 10/6 at 5:45 pm and 10/11 at 7 pm Parish Gatherings - input from previous gatherings is to not do the info session, just get into the Q & A.
 - Format: Brief summary of what is going well in the parish...then Q & A
 - Facilitator: TBA on Oct 1 at 6 pm
 - Give a chance for parishioners to write out additional written observations of things going well and questions (written out and digital options)
 - Notes will be taken by Pat Seitz
 - Monday, Oct 1st at 6pm--those interested come before council meeting to brainstorm potential questions and possible answers (for consistency purposes)
- Focus (Given Amazing Parish Conference (2 from each in attendance), Councils Congress (Pastoral council chair Finance council chair, one trustee in attendance), Multi Parish Institute on the horizon)
- Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal and “Rebuild My Church” Homily - any action or next steps needed?
 - Council encouraged to pray on this and it will be an agenda item at the October Pastoral Council meeting

Next Meeting: Oct 1, 2018 and Prayer Leader

Closing Prayer - All

Important Dates

9/8-9/9 - Commissioning/blessing of council members (all Masses)

9/22 - Good Shepherd/St. James Staff/Council Leadership Gathering (4:30 Mass at GS and fellowship to follow)

10/1 - 6 pm Discussion of Parish Gathering

10/1 - 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

10/6 - Parish Gathering #1 (Town Hall) following 4:30pm Mass

10/11 - Parish Gathering #2 (Town Hall)

10/17 to 10/19 : [Amazing Parish Conference](#)

2/12, 3/26, 5/14: [Multi Parish Institute](#)

2/2: Councils Congress - PC and FC Chair, 1 Trustee, Pastor/PD

Brainstormed list of possible Pastoral Council goals (*brainstorming conducted May 2018*) **Updated 9/10/18**

1. Clarify how/when/why we interact and what we do together with cluster counterparts at the Council level at St. James.
2. Increase the number of families or individuals involved in ministries (not more ministries, more people involved).
3. Increase the diversity of Good Shepherd.
4. Increase the community atmosphere of Good Shepherd.
5. How do we make being involved with different parts of the parish more appealing?
6. Would like more professional music.
7. Happy Holy Hour (or Holy Happy Hour?)
8. Have Council create a standing committee to work with the staff to address communication needs.
9. Be more proactive in approaching people in the parish; be more visible in the parish as Pastoral Council representatives; pictures of council members on bulletin board with commissions listed, suggestion box as a form of communication between council and parish
10. Address issues from the Town Hall meetings/Parish Gatherings. **Moved to below**
11. Review and resolve outdated parish policies. **Moved to below**
12. Review and resolve outdated pastoral council appendix norms. **Moved to below**

Removed from brainstormed list because these are already in progress or have a separate team to address them:

- Worship space redesign - plan and discussions.
- 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;
- Develop and execute a plan for ongoing council formation.
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