

**Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting
May 24, 2022**

Attendance

Members

Mary Klee
Matt Klinger
Sharon Colabufo
Peter Moles
Fran Foley
Jill Kuehner
Dan Horan

Advisors

Jerry Ball
Sharon Racht

Staff

Father Severine
Dc. Mike Colabufo

Visitors

Amy McCune
Elizabeth Bielass

Father Severine opened that meeting with a prayer. Mary Klee welcomed Amy McCune and Elizabeth Bielass as prospective members of the pastoral council.

Pastoral Report

Father Severine stated that mass attendance has been gradually increasing. We have been averaging about 270 during weekend attendance. He said that Deacon Peter Laul continues to be on leave. Father stated that Blessed Sacrament has not reached their Hope Appeal goal as of yet.

We are about \$5000 short of our goal. Dan Horan suggested that Father should make an appeal from the altar in hopes of possibly reaching the goal by the end of June. Father also stated that Frank Caliva has reached the ending of his term as parish trustee. He is asking for the pastoral council to approve an extension of one year to his term. Mary Klee made a motion to extend the term of Frank Caliva for one more year and Matt Klinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote.

Father gave reminders that Holy Hour continues every Thursday and Confirmation will take place on Sunday, June 5 at 1:30.

Ministry Reports

Janice Corcoran from Parish outreach sent a written report to share. The food pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Anyone living in the 13206 zip code with proof of address is eligible. As of lately our numbers have been increasing.

Parish Discussions

~ **Parish picnic**-Mary Klee reached out to MaryLynn Giacobbe for input. It was suggested that since we no longer have an 11:30 Mass, perhaps it would be better to have an outdoor breakfast picnic. Much discussion took place whether this would be something to try instead of a typical picnic. Mary will contact some people to form a committee to discuss this further. Whichever picnic is chosen it will be a catered event. Mary gave out two possible dates...July 24 or August 7. With a show of hands the July 24th date was most popular. More info will be available at our next meeting in June.

~**Coffee and donut hour**- This will continue to be held in the vestibule of the church when we resume in the fall.

By-law update-A change is being suggested for the approval of minutes via email to help get the minutes for public view in a more timely manner. Fran Foley made a motion to make this change and it was seconded by Matt Klinger. With a show of hands the motion was passed. The new language for this procedure will be included in the Pastoral council constitution.

The recorder will send a draft of the Parish Pastoral Council meeting minutes of each meeting to the Chairperson, Co-chairperson and Pastor seven days after the meeting. The meeting minutes will then be sent to the members after being reviewed and approved by the Chairperson, Co-chairperson and Pastor. Upon receiving the minutes via email, the Pastoral Council members must reply to the recorder by email to approve or object to the meeting minutes within 5 days. If the majority have approved the minutes, the recorder will then post them on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church and send them to Jack-Lynn Corcoran for inclusion on the Parish website.

Live-streaming update-The camera is installed but there is a problem getting through the Diocesan firewall to broadcast the live-streaming event. Still waiting for someone from the Diocese to help with this. Father will look into this.

Ways to bring parishioners back to Mass and our Parish

- *Parish survey about interests
- *Dynamic speakers- contact the Chancery for suggestions
- *Chris Spika from Christ the King retreat house or Bob Walters from Youth Ministry
- *Electronic sign
- *Movie nights
- * Blessed Sacrament school alumni Mass
- *Baccalaureate Mass for Senior High School Graduates

These suggestions are a starting point for further discussion.

The closing prayer was given by Deacon Mike Colabufo and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 in the APR.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Colabufo, recorder