**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 9, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance:

*Council members –* Fr. Suresh, Fr. Peter, Rodney Savidge, Juanita Gaudet, Mary Coates, Neyda Long, Mark Tejares, Maricar Martin, Lisa Ley, Evert Garcia, Shelley Knorr

*Non Council members* – Bernadette Samulski (Finance Council), Patty Cameron (Faith Formation), Shannon Briand (Hospitality Committee)

*Regrets* – Myra Torralba, Nadine LeBlanc, Mark DePow

1. Open Prayer (Fr. Suresh) and Land Acknowledgment Statement (Shelley Knorr)
2. Agenda – approved with the following additions.
   1. 6 h) Hospitality
   2. 7 b) Bylaws update
3. Minutes of April 11, 2024 – approved with the following corrections:
   1. Addition of attendees
   2. 7 d) correct to CLI Disciple Maker Index Survey
4. Business Arising:
   1. Update - Celebration of Father Peter’s 25th anniversary – Hospitality Ministry (Lisa)
      1. Planning well underway for May 19th at 1pm
      2. Fr. Peter to invite family and friends
      3. Lisa and Neyda will invite parishioners from former parishes
   2. Feast Day for each church – suggestion made to add novena for each saint to the bulletin and Facebook page as the dates draw near
      1. St. Dunstan – May 19: history of St. Dunstan’s will be read after communion; Communications has put together a short video of the church.
      2. St. Columba – June 9: planning to have cake and coffee after mass; history of the church and priests
      3. Sts. John and Paul: June 26: will be celebrated on June 23rd with a BBQ; history of the church and priests
      4. St. Mary Magdalene – July 22: celebration on July 21st. Discussion held regarding location. Suggested to have at Sts John and Paul as it is central to the parish. Will investigate getting tents for shade and/or protection from the weather. Decision to be made at June’s meeting
   3. CLI Disciples Index – Update: planning to meet at the end of May to review results and determine action plan to address the results
   4. International Potluck – May 26 @ 12:30 p.m.: this will be a fundraiser for the youth attending the Stubenville conference this summer.
5. New Pastoral items:
   1. Communication to Council regarding requests for events/fundraisers;
      1. Finance Council has a policy to manage requests for fundraising
      2. Suggested Pastoral Council create a policy to manager pastoral events
      3. Patty mentioned that St. Theresa’s has developed a comprehensive fillable PDF that parishioners complete when they want to have an event.
      4. Suggested to have a more formal policy around use of the facilities in the parish.
      5. Will revisit at the next meeting
   2. Singles for Christ – Tutoring Sessions
      1. Discussion was held with Maricar explaining what the request/suggestion was about
      2. Patty indicated the Diocese is revamping the Faith Formation program and felt the Singles for Christ would be very valuable in being leaders for the youth events.
      3. More discussion will be had between Patty and the Singles for Christ group
   3. Appreciation for Parishioners/volunteers each Sunday – Open forum;
      1. Fr. Suresh explained his plan/rationale
      2. Most members felt a yearly celebration for all volunteers would be most appropriate. It was felt that better communication needs to happen for future years.
      3. There was concern with recognizing individuals as some would not want to be singled out as well as the unfortunate chance to overlook someone
      4. Suggestion to have a write up on the different ministries in the bulletin and on the Facebook page to attract more participants.
   4. Fundraising request for a School in Africa
      1. Discussion was held and it was raised that this is against the diocesan policy regarding sending money outside the country
   5. 50/50 and Bingo – deferred until next meeting
   6. ID badges – are available for greeters, Communications members, etc at St. Dunstan’s; being stored in the vestry
6. Written Committee Reports:
7. Faith Formation – see attached
8. Finance Council – see attached
9. Communication – see attached
10. Liturgy – no report
11. Couple for Christ – see attached
12. K. of C. – see attached
13. CWL – no report
14. Hospitality – Shelley to send the list of volunteers who indicated interest in this ministry; need more volunteers – suggested making a plea at mass
15. Other
    1. Filipino Heritage Month – Thanksgiving Mass June 8 (Evert) – planning to have tea and coffee in Mary Sullivan Rm after mass
    2. Bylaws update
       1. Rodney presented a summary of the expectations for the parish based on the 1985 document titled Parish Council Guidelines
       2. Discussion held regarding the role of Pastoral Council as a policy making group and not so much a social planning group
       3. More discussion to be had once the Diocese completes updating the guidelines
16. Comments from Father Suresh – no additional comments
17. Closing Prayer (Father Suresh).

Date/Time next meeting: June 13, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.