

## St. Charles Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

### **Opening, Call to Order**

Date: January 16, 2024 Time: 6: 35 PM

In Attendance:

**Fr. Michael, Deacon Don, Bob James, Pat James, Mary Beth Briggs, Maureen Bochman , Andrea Scott, John McCormick, Mike Strub, Terry Strub, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, David Scott, Tara Ashworth, Marta Rose, Brian Heath , Kim Heath, Leticia Palacio, Adela Montalvo, Jose Montalvo, Rob Harris, Marge Surran, Joan Natali, Jeanette Orzo**

Father Michael opened our meeting with a prayer.

Focus on Faith – Readings from January 21 st , Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Handouts to be distributed at the meeting)

1 st Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ; 2 nd 1 Corinthians 7:20-31; Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Minutes were approved - Moved David Scott , Second Rob Harris

Questions, Comments –

### **New Business:**

1. Advent Pot Luck Sunday, December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent (possibility of encouraging a co dinner with Hispanic community)
2. New Years 2025 Pot Luck – in late January or early Feb? (suggestion to have a dinner on Fat Tuesday; March 4<sup>th</sup> would be the date)
3. Upcoming events:
  - a. Annual Diocesan Appeal begins February 17-18 to coincide with Lenten season (low profile, as last year. It included some announcements from the pulpit and periodic progress reminders. We exceeded our goal so this approach is reasonable!)
  - b. Super Bowl Sunday is February 11
4. Question about nominating committee for pc positions – we are set for this year. Kevin will note and follow up. Discussion about updating the By-Laws.

### **Old Business Update:**

1. Homebound visit log for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion, etc – there is a log now (thanks, Marta!). The goal is to make this ministry more active and structured.
2. Donut Sunday for Feb - Andrea , April -Leticia , June - Karey , Aug - Andrea

### **Finance Council** Reported by:

No report this month.

### **Archives** Chair: Marge Surran

No report this month.

### **Ecumenical** Chair: Mary Beth Briggs

No report this month.

**Facilities Management** Chair: Rob Harris

1. Church roof repaired – 2 addl recommendations for sacristy on E side and flat roof on Parish Hall.
2. Sump pumps are replaced / getting replaced (total of 4) and doing their jobs in this rainy week. Question about battery back up – they do not have the back up. Screens and filters have been added and a cleaning schedule is being developed for pumps and floors, to decrease debris in pumps.
3. Ramps, decks, lighting projects underway
4. Waiting Diocesan approval for a stair lift
5. Glass doors proposed for 2024
6. Carpet proposed 2025

**Helping Hands** Chair: Joan Natali

No report this month.

**Hispanic Ministry:** Chair: Adela and Jose Montalvo, Leticia Palacio

1. Meeting on March 15 to plan. One suggestion is a bible study after Sunday after noon Mass.
2. Holy Hour continues on Fridays
3. Stations will begin at 7 on Friday in Lent. No holy hour during Lent
4. Palm Sunday will begin at 3 with a procession followed by 4 pm Mass
5. March 22, 7 pm Mass for the Virgin of the Stars

**Migrant Ministry:** Chair: Karey Fallon

No report this month.

**Parish Life:** Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

No reports for the previous month.

Next event is St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Sunday, March 17, 2024

At February's Parish Council Meeting....Parish Life's 2024 Calendar will be examined and finalized.

**Religious Ed:** Chair: Kevin Fallon

Religious Education

We started Winter/Spring classes on January 7, 2024. Classes will continue to be held every other week through May 5, 2024. Class times are as follows:

Morning Sessions K-8: 10:00 AM to 11:15AM

Afternoon Session 9-12: 2:50 PM to 3:50 PM

Enrollment (24)

Reconciliation/First Communion – 7 (First Communion will be Mother's Day Weekend – each child will choose the Mass to attend)

Family of Faith (non-sacramental formation) - 5

Confirmation - 12

Our 7 First Reconciliation students celebrated reconciliation this past weekend. A big thank you to Fr Michael Breslin!!

Current Catechists:

Judy Chuisano: Reconciliation and First Communion

Karey Fallon: Family of Faith (Non sacramental); Confirmation

Maureen Bochman: Family of Faith (Non sacramental)

Kevin Fallon: Confirmation

Laura Sherman Rudmin: Trained VIRTUS Parent for Afternoon Session

Adult Faith Formation

Introduction to the Bible by Ascension Press - Started on January 6 and runs for 8 sessions (every other week)

Evangelization -

**Fundraising:** Chair: Tara Ashworth

No report this month.

**Social Ministry:** Chair: Mike Strub

1. Living our Faith money from the last 5 years has been used on social ministries. The remainder of these funds were allocated to Northampton Social Ministry and CC Food Bank.
2. Any continued support will need to be determined.

**Worship** Chair: open

Meeting Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 with Father Michael. He is hoping to work with several parishioners.

**New Office Info:** Chair: Marta Rose

**Secretary's Time:** (clarification of notes taken, if necessary)

**Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:** Father Michael closed with a prayer.

**Adjourned :** 7:30

**Next Meeting:**      February 20, 2024      6:30PM