

**St. John XXIII Catholic Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes from March 26, 2024**

BE CHRIST INSPIRED, JOYFULLY LIVE OUR CALL

In Attendance: Father Pat, John T, Jenny G, Dania S, Kay S, Cindy W, Dan B, Chris F, Marcia N, Sandra P, John W, Bill H

Excused: Jim H

Opening Prayer – Eucharistic Revival Reflection – Dania S

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved.

Inviting parishioners to join Pastoral Council – Marcia will put together a basic script for pulpit announcement. The script can be added to by the speakers to add personal experiences. Such as how they feel about being on council.

An announcement will be put in the bulletin, and Sign of the Times, maybe a QR code will be used to submit names and phone numbers.

A discernment meeting may be needed if more people volunteer than there are openings on the council. Discernment meetings haven't been needed in the past few years.

Pastoral council members should do "shoulder taps".

It would be great to get younger members.

Pulpit announcements will be the weekend of April 20 and 21. Making the announcements will be Chris F at 4:30 at St. Peter's, Sandra P 8:30 at IC, Dania S 10:30 St. Mary's, and John T 5:00 St. Peter's. Marcia N is the back-up for all masses.

Pastoral council members should be available for questions in the back of church on pulpit announcement weekend. Sandra P will get name tags made for council members to wear.

Two members, Kay S and Cindy W, have completed their 3-year commitment. An additional member will be needed to be the liaison with the newly formed Formation Commission.

Strategic Plan and Initiatives for 2023/2024 – 2.1 Enhance the Sunday Experience and Beyond – Feedback received from commissions and committees related to 2.1.1 developing strategies to attract new members and 2.1.2 Establishing and implement comprehensive and expanded new member contact strategy was collected and put into spreadsheets. It was noted that the Welcoming committee, specifically Bette Anne, does several of the things noted. Liaisons should be sure to thank their commissions and committees for their input. Each council member should review and reflect on the spreadsheets and prioritize the suggestions for the next meeting. We should consider the level of effort to implement.

The feedback from the parish questionnaire is being reviewed. Summarizing the results is difficult because the questions style was and open style.

Thank You Cards – It was decided that thank you cards should be written by the Council to thank a parishioner who did a great job. Council members should bring ideas to the next meeting. A thank you card recipient will be selected, and a card will be written prior to the start of the meeting.

St. Mary's Church Site Prioritized Project List – Bill H presented the prioritized list of projects for the St. Mary's church site to best use the \$253,000 donation. A group met three times to identify and prioritize potential projects. Safety and Security projects were ranked first followed by functionality, then aesthetics. The listing has been well received by other groups. May not get past the 6th project identified. It was suggested that vestibule/gathering space improvements should consider child friendly spaces.

All Commission and Committee Summit – Allyson is putting together a plan and PowerPoint for the summit. Commissions and committees have been contacted. Will discuss menu at the next meeting.

Commission/Committee Reports

Human Concerns Commission – See meeting minutes.

School Advisory Commission – See meeting minutes. The strategic plan initiatives were not brainstormed at the meeting because the agenda was too full. The flower sale is starting, working beautification along the Interurban trail, considering a Gymboree type event at Possibility Playground, working on accreditation.

Stewardship Commission – See meeting minutes. Pledges are ahead of last year. The commission would like to move forward with asking parishioners to wear name tags at mass. Ideas should be coordinated with Linda from the Worship Commission.

Worship Commission – See meeting minutes. Holy week schedule is set. Working on Ministry Training.

Communications Committee – No report

Welcoming Committee – See meeting minutes and calendar. Will be hosting a reception after the Easter Vigil Mass and for First Communion masses.

Evangelization Committee – See meeting minutes. A teaching mass is planned. The program “Jesus and the Eucharist” will follow Emmaus 90. A three-question adult formation survey is being prepared. Also working on Invite One Back for members who are not attending mass.

Finance Council – See meeting minutes. The Love One Another campaign is in its 2nd year. They are continuing to invest in Treasury Bills. Budget is tracking well. Wage increases need to be finalized. Building and Grounds need to upgrade sound at IC. Also need some tech upgrades.

Parish Leadership Team – See meeting minutes. Discussed Fall Festival budgets, St. Mary’s project list, accreditation, Golf Event at the Bog, and Pool Party.

Staff Report – See meeting minutes. The parish survey is an important piece but hard to digest because of the format. Working on the Summit meeting and hope to improve on last year’s meeting. Fall Festival will be combined with the school.

Other Items:

- Communications need to be open between the Worship commission, Evangelization, Stewardship, and Welcoming.
- We should recognize that good things are happening.

Eucharistic Revival Prayer – Dania S