

St. Aidan Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 30, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Chernow at 7 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer, and recitation of the Parish Mission statement and Parish Goal.

Present: Fr. Kevin, Patti Downey, Patricia Chernow, Phil Grammatico, Sue Williams, Tim Bannon, Veronica Salmu, Fred Salmu, Chris Berry, Brooke Gehlhausen, Jim Smiley, Annette Schwab and Barbara Main.

Excused: Leslie Gola, Dave Vinson.

Minutes from the 10/26/22 meeting were approved as corrected.

Old Business:

Mission Statement and Goals from our Family of Parishes

Patti was able to obtain copies of the Mission Statements. Copies of the goals were requested, but not yet received. The Mission Statements were reviewed, and the consensus was that no changes are needed to St. Aidan's Mission Statement or goals at this time.

Update of final Thanksgiving Outreach

Very successful. 75 families received food baskets. The recipients were vetted by St. Christine's. Our food pantry was 'overflowing' thanks to the support and generosity of our parishioners. Again, this year, student athletes from Madonna University, Boy Scouts, the Knights of Columbus and many new young families assisted.

Christmas Outreach

Plan is for gifts and food baskets for 75+ families.

Drivers needed 12/17, 12/18, and 12/19/22 for shopping, moving gifts and deliveries.

Gift Tag-710 gift tags and 215 gift cards needed for St. Christine's

Scripts-not available

Parish Ministry Rollout-moved to Worship committee report.

By-Laws review-tabled

Family of Parishes

Report of Staff meeting 10/31/22 at St. Gerald's

Fr. Kevin attended. Included 2-part presentation and small group discussions. No new information shared.

Parishioner meeting 11/21/22 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Concerns expressed over lack of transparency, the sharing of resources and long-term planning. No time available for Q&A. Communication was felt to be inadequate.

Plan: continue to do what we are doing for now.

Vocations Committee

A letter was drafted to be sent in 2023. We will work with the seminary director to select a seminarian to support (spiritually and financially). Plan to revise and share letter. Coordinate with the 60th anniversary committee.

PPC Minutes on website Sept & Oct.

Plan to share on St. Aidan's website. Send to D. Conrad web administrator. Will add bylaws as well once revised and updated.

Baptismal Font blessing update

Font is still not ready, issues remain, and we continue to look for solutions.

NEW BUSINESS

60th Anniversary Committee 6/19/1963

Plan to limit festivities to June and celebrate the birthday 'month'. Plan is to announce in Jan and in June we will plan an event. Committee to continue planning.

Commission Reports

Worship-

12/8 is a Holy Day, masses at 6:30A, 8A and 6:30P

12/11 Advent Pageant at 4P

12/24-masses at 4:30P, 11:30P-MN mass.

Praying for you-Cindy Horgan to chair

Greeters-still looking for a chair

Homebound Ministry-Ruth McCarty has resigned, and we are looking for a chairperson

Video-Jim C. has submitted to David who is editing with a completion date late Jan.

Next meeting of Worship Commission is 2/7 after mass.

Stewardship-See attached.

Encourage all to attend Wills, Wine and Cheese planning event. Watch the bulletin for details.

Education Commission

Brainstorming session held 11/8/22 to explore ways of helping our families stay true to their commitment. Emphasis on attendance for all family members.

Adult programming:

New Bible study starting 1/15/23

The Devil You (Don't) Know 1/23 & 30 and 2/6 & 13

Lent '23 Parish Mission: Feb 27 & 28 and March 1 & 2

Easter Season 1 topic session: "Eternity to Prepare for. Time to Profit by".

Christian Service

Next meeting Jan to focus on food drives

Knights of Columbus

Busy with holiday preparations-food drive, and kids Christmas party; looking at increasing hall rentals.

Fr. Kevin

Family of Parishes Pastoral Council and Financial Council volunteers.

Open forum

Prayer Intentions shared.

Closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned.

No meeting in December 2022. Next meeting will be Wed., Jan 25, 2023.