

**St. Aidan Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 26, 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, Annette Schwab, Veronica Salmu, Fred Salmu, Chris Berry, Jim Smiley, Phil Grammatico, Sue Williams, Tim Bannon, Brooke Gehlhausen and Barb Main.

Excused: Dave Vinson and Leslie Gola.

Minutes from the September 28, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Old Business:**

Mission statement review and parish goals: Group agreed that we do not feel there is a need to make any changes at this time. Patti to reach out to our Families of Parishes partners and obtain copies of mission statements and goals and submit for review.

**New Business:**

**Guest Speaker:** Marilou Drewniak shared historical photos related to the construction of the church and information about the architect and bell tower. Discussed where materials can be stored and procedure for individuals to access to the documents. Current archives are stored in the parish offices and available upon request.

**PPC Installation Mass:** 8 members were able to attend. Patricia will order name tags/pins for council members who do not have them.

**Vice Chair Appointment:** Brooke has agreed to serve as Vice Chair. Congratulations!

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach:** Tim reported that we are somewhat 'behind' in donations to the food pantry, but confident we will have enough. Greg and Donna have reached out to secure boxes; feel we on-track for another successful year.

**Name tag writing:** 11/16/22, 6 PM in Bixman. Planning to provide \$25 Meijer gift cards again this year to St. Christine's families. Patricia to check on access to the Scripts program.

**Parish Ministry Roll out:** Chris reported that the video is still a work in progress and should be ready by Jan. Plan is to hold off on the pew cards until Jan.

**Bylaws:** Patricia distributed copies of the Parish bylaws (2011) and requested review and feedback.

**Families of Parishes:** Two meetings planned.

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

Parishioner meeting 11/21/22 7 PM at St. Michael's; will include a presentation from the Archdiocese.

**Vocations Committee:** Discussion as to what we can do as a parish to support vocations. Suggestions focused on sharing support (i.e., letter writing); targeted prayers (feature in bulletin), Fred shared that the K of

C sponsors a seminarian (financially); consider a way to 'adopt a seminarian'; Committee: Fred, Annette and Jim.

**Publishing of PPC meeting minutes on the parish website:** goal to increase awareness and encourage participation; Add commission reports incrementally. Add the scheduled commission meetings to the parish calendar.

**Baptismal Font Blessing:** Discussion undertaken as to when to bless the new baptismal font. During the holiday season or a Sunday mass?

### **Commission Reports:**

#### **Worship** Chris

Annual Pet Blessing: participants included 11 dogs, 2 cats and 3 birds. Very nice ceremony. Not as well attended as in years past. Looking for a new chairperson.

Annual Lector and EMHC training at 6:30 PM on 10/27/22 in the chapel.

Memorial Mass 11/6/22 at 5 PM in the church.

Choir has been invited to sing at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on 11/13/22. Congratulations!

Patriotic Rosary will be hosted by the Women of St. Aidan on 11/11/22 at 7 PM

Greeters-looking for a chairperson for the group

Praying for you e-mail: need new chairperson; no new request for prayers have been received.

Choirs-recruiting for both the adult and children's choirs.

All were encouraged to continue to approach parishioners and encourage them to become involved in a ministry.

Next meeting will be after the first of the year to begin preparation for the Lent and Easter seasons.

#### **Stewardship** (See attachments) Phil

Decrease in income recognized, but not worrisome, we remain in a strong financial position.

E-giving: ~31%

Buildings: roofing and baptismal font projects being completed.

New Trust fund (See "C"): loan deposit program administered by the AOD for parishes unrestricted funds. The Stewardship committee submitted a number of questions on behalf of the parish to the archdiocese. Deadline for submission: 11/5/22. Alternatives: none offered.

#### **Education** (See attachments) Patti

11/14/22- CS Lewis study: The Most Reluctant Convert.

Pre-Lent 1/23 – 2/13 "The Devil You (Don't) Know." Exploring C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters in order to know the devil's tactics and with Christ's help resist temptation.

Lent '23 Parish Mission: a redux of the Shroud of Turin, Taize, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Sudarium of Oviedo. February 27, 28, March 1 & 2

**Christian Service** (attached)-Veronica

Oakland County Foster Closet-volunteer organization that provides clothing, toys, books, shoes, etc. to children in foster care. Many needs: volunteers, donations, new/larger space.

Working with AAA pregnancy crisis center and K of C to provide car seats.

Proposal 3: Working to provide education.

Disability awareness Chris and Christine working to share information through the bulletin.

**Knights of Columbus** Fred

Spaghetti dinners-continue the last Wed. of the month.

Food drive-planning to support St. Aidan's

Donna Gals-women of the K of C looking for Christmas donations/charities

Hall-open for rentals and parties

Memorial Mass – 11/6/22

Into the Breach-considering offering again

Car seats-planning to partner with St. Aidan's to provide funding to purchase.

**Father Kevin**

**Trunk or Treat** 10/30 at 5 PM

**Parish 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 10/23**-discussed options to celebrate; one day event or year-long event. Can we incorporate some of Marilou's materials? Committee: Sue, Veronica, Patti, Patricia, Barb, Phil.

**Open Forum**

Patricia encouraged PPC members to attend commission meetings.

Next Meeting: 11/30 at 7 PM in the Parish Office.

No plans to meet in December.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Main*