

St. Isidore and Maria Torribia Parish

Pastoral Council Minutes of Meeting

April 24, 2022

Attendance: Father Pat Connor, Deacon Dave LaFortune, Peter Olausson, Anna Bauer, Mike DelGrosso, Joe Machuga, Roger Parulski

Excused: Bill Owens, Kevin Gahagan, Deacon Doug Farwell

Opening Prayer: Deacon Dave

Agenda Approval: Roger made motion to approve. Joe seconded. Approved.

Minutes of February 27, 2022 meeting: Joe made motion to approve. Roger seconded. Approved.

Father Pat's Remarks: Father was pleased with the Lenten season. The attendance was good at all services. Father also mentioned there was a good response to Confessions at each worship site.

We answered Father's question from last meeting. "What is important to me during Mass? Many responses by members: quiet reflection; made it through the challenges of the week; personal time; do not have to think of anything besides being at Mass; no distractions from day-to-day life; personal contact; learning from the readings and homilies.

Peter Olausson, Business Manager Remarks:

We are in good financial position but we cannot let our finances slide again. Peter also discussed that neither he nor Rita (Secretary) have a theological background. Peter would like to investigate a part-time Pastoral Administrator. The Pastoral Administrator would oversee Faith Formation, Baptisms, etc. and be able to answer questions that are asked of Peter and Rita. Peter will look into this.

Old Business:

1. **Membership lists** - Anna completed the lists with a note that Strategic Planning and Fundraising committees have more members. Mark Houck and Ed Borkowski were added to the fundraising committee. Karen Moyer was

added to the Strategic committee. ***Note:** all terms of members end in June if they are at the end of their appointment. We need more people on every committee. Give any new names to Father Pat so he can talk to that person.

2. **Emergency Response:** Peter talked with Art Jones. Art is working on it and will let us know when he has a report ready. Members talked about church inspections regarding seating capacity, accident danger zones, etc.
3. **Pastoral Council Guidelines:** For next meeting review pages 1 & 2 to discuss or ask/answer any questions.

New Business:

1. **Discussion of charge for use of worship site:** Peter will check with area churches to see how it is handled. Also is there a specific amount given to the Priest and/or Deacons for their services?
2. **By-Laws of Parish:** Peter will look for them.
3. **Tabernacles:** Deacon Doug. It was suggested to also check the companies that our parish regularly gets supplies from for costs, types, etc.
4. **Recruit Volunteers:** Everyone please work on this.
5. **FORMED:** Parish Renewal and The Search were recommended for viewing.
6. **Catechism:** Our discussion on what was important in Mass; the Council agreed that Father Pat and our Deacons should incorporate some Catechism in their homilies. Many things have changed and/or we need to be reminded of what we learned years ago.

Closing Prayer: Father Pat

Next Meeting: Sunday, May 22, 2022 @ 3:00 PM @ St. Joseph's Hall.

Roger Parulski will be chairing the meeting as Anna Bauer will be out of town.

Respectfully Submitted;

Anna Bauer