

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025, 7:00pm

**Present: Father Julius, Shannon Nye, Jean Hofmaster (by phone), David Kramer, Geri Bjorling, Corey Hough, Lexie Cochran, Max Kozeal. Absent: Eric Busch**

**Opening prayer by Father**

**Approval of minutes: Motion by David to approve, second by Lexi – motion passed all Ayes**

**Faith Formation Update by Shannon:**

- Katie Ausdemore has a great idea for making bookmarks for the new books at church using ribbons. It was decided to use the same color of ribbon. Possibly have Religious Ed classes make them. Everyone was in agreement with this idea.
- Possible service project with "Rise Against Hunger". Shannon would like to invite our area churches to participate in this project too. She has a meeting with "Rise Against Hunger" tomorrow and will report back to us at our next meeting.
- Jean Hofmaster will be going off Parish Council in May. Shannon had lots of names for possible new members. Max said Brian Weidner definitely wants to be more involved. A letter will be sent to him asking him to be on the council.
- Jubilee Celebration: when do we want to go to the Pilgrimage church, which is Corpus Christi for our parish? Father would like to go as a parish and celebrate Mass there. It was decided to plan for Sunday, Sept. 21. Shannon will contact Corpus Christi regarding the date.
- HooDoo float: we want to invite St. Columbanus to participate in this with us. We would like as many parishioners involved as possible. Bracelets will be tossed out to the parade crowds. Decorating will be on Saturday, August 30, and helpers will be served pizza.

**Deacon Scott** wanted to discuss having one of our fish fries be a "free will offering" to help accommodate large families. We want everyone to feel welcome and agreed this is a great idea. Finance Council will discuss this idea and decide. It was also decided to give out fish fry gift certificates to the Food Pantry so they can hand them out to families there.

**Security at events/weddings:** lots of discussion on this matter. All agreed we should have this in place as most venues already do, and that it should be the responsibility of the family renting the Hall. Finance Council will discuss and RaeShelle will report back to us.

**Motion to adjourn meeting:** Max, second by Jean. Motion passed with all Ayes.

**Closing prayer –** Father

**Next meeting:** April 8, 2025

**Submitted by** Geri Bjorling