

**CCBT Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**October 19, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. Jeffrey Chichester, John Balloni (Chair), Mary Krehling (Vice Chair), Jill Lee (Secretary), Eileen Bielemeier, Karen Kaindl, Maryrose Balloni

**Absent:** Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Paul Statskey, Cathy Immerman

**Opening Prayer:** Eileen Bielemeier 6:10 p.m.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Social Ministry presentation: Guests Marie Smith and Pam Auclair gave an explanation of how the Social Ministry team does outreach and allocates monies to persons/households in need, followed by a question/answer period. (45 minutes in duration).

2. Ministry Updates:

a) Men's Group: Paul Statskey: Ongoing; Bob Lee presenting the Letters of Paul beginning with Thessalonians. Next meeting Monday, Oct. 30th, 7 p.m. ST.

**Decision:** Announce and extend invitation at Masses a week prior.

b) Women's Book Group: Jill Lee: Ongoing, 12 members, meets weekly at SMM Friday mornings.

c) Caring Card Ministry: Karen Kaindl: Get well cards & Perpetual Prayer cards were sent to gravely ill parishioners. Mass Card for Jean Mrzywka from whole parish, April 6th. Issue of stamps discussed.

**Decisions:**

\*Priests will bring the stamps from office up to the church for Karen.

\*Karen to contact Katie Childs/Kathy Schrader to put an ongoing announcement about the ministry in the weekly bulletin.

d) Walking with Moms in Need: Eileen Bielemeier: Continues to visit places from resource list. Met with Melissa Kowalski at CareNet to find out what they provide & accompanying issues, i.e. referrals, transportation of clients, (Uber discussed), sonograms, baby showers, etc. Discussion held surrounding question of CareNet possibly providing options info (including abortion); that would not be in keeping with Catholic organization support. Eileen investigating, waiting to hear back.

\*Discussion of adding to Prayer of Faithful, possible prayer cards

e) Future Planning Committee: Karen Kaindl: The committee has gone as far as it currently can until the actuality of our cluster going down to one priest occurs. Fr. Jeff reiterates that there is no intent to upset parishioners based on a speculative situation.

**Decision:** Ending these meetings agreed upon.

f) Building and Grounds Committee: Paul Statskey: Moving forward.

\*Joe Gregg has submitted estimate to Parish Office/Mary Capone for cemetery flagpole.

\*Kip DeLisio, Terry Burlee & Paul will visit St. Jude to investigate what needs to be done to ensure the sump pump will operate throughout the winter.

g) Coffee Hour/Dinner: Jill Lee: Next potluck scheduled for Nov. 4th after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in fellowship hall at SMM.

**Decision:** Lectors will announce & invite the week prior and the day of the dinner.

3. Future Ushering/Collections: Discussion held, issues discussed: Online payment option, other avenues for bringing in revenue, efficaciousness of the change, varying opinions on desire for it, IT weakness. Fr. Jeff will email Kathy Schrader to find out about CASE training necessity.

**Decision:** Table again for more discussion at next meeting.

4. Van Trip Suggestions:

**Decision:** Tabled to revisit at next meeting due to time constraints.

5. Eucharistic Miracles Display: Eileen: MaryJo Mauer contacted, no fee, available; they *may* transport them to us.

**Decision:** Procure them for January, split panels between SMM and ST for a 2-week duration.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Communication of Ministries/Identifying Needs: Maryrose Balloni: Discussion held, perused old list of ministries.

**Decision:** Maryrose will work this, clarifying ministries, possibly adding new ones, and report back.

2. Inviting Former Parishioners Back to Our Parish: Discussion held regarding methods of accomplishing this, problems; suggestion to form an outreach team to work on this, find creative ways to accomplish the task.

**Decision:** Table and discuss further at future meetings.

3. Lamb of God/Agnus Dei: Fr. Jeff: Discussion about informing parishioners, bringing back rich tradition, furthering during Lent.

**Decision:** Fr. Jeff will explain after masses, will print out the Latin words to be placed in all pews for parishioners to access and participate.

4. Advent Book: Rejoice!, Fr. Mike Schmitz author. A parishioner desired copies for the church; discussion held with reminder that 100+ books have already been ordered for Advent this year.

**Decision:** Voted not to order any more new books at this time, but can revisit this next year. Jill will inform Mary Capone.

5. Eucharistic Revival Prayer: Discussion. Maryrose Balloni purchased 150 prayer pamphlets to be placed in the Glory & Praise Missals, a new and more

topical prayer in keeping with the revival.

**Decision:** Two weeks from now the church members will pray together before the start of Mass. Lectors need to lead and be informed, along with the organists. Maryrose, Jill, Eileen will place prayers in the Missals.

6. Photos & Contact Info of PC Members:

**Decision:** Accomplish at next meeting due to time constraints.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Eileen Bielemeier

**Meeting ended:** 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 16, 2023 6 p.m. SMM