

**CCBT Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Nov. 16, 2023**

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

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

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:05 p.m. at SMM

**Opening Prayer:** Leader Karen Kaindl

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Ministry Updates:** Purpose: Information shared.

a) Men's Group: Good turnout, Bob Lee covering letters of St. Paul. Next meeting will be the last Monday in November.

b) Women's Book Group: (Jill Lee) Great turnout (13), wrapping up book, planned break over Christmas, restart in January.

c) Walking with Moms in Need: (Eileen Bielemeier)

\* Announcement is in the bulletin, informative videos available online. Literature obtained at recent Catholic Women's Conference.

\*Planned visit by Eileen to the Margaret Home in Rochester to gather more info.

\*USCCB-guided intercessions handout given to Fr. Jeff; ideal dates discussed, possible Feast Day or Holy Day.

d) Building and Grounds: (John Balloni in Paul's absence)

\*Trim painting at St. Jude's has been completed

\*Sump pump issue has been resolved with winter concerns

\*Waiting on new flagpole. (Contractor Joe Gregg)

\*Leaves cleaned up; not sure who to thank

\*Fr. Jeff: Traffic cone marking a sinkhole in the church pavement, tossed onto roof. Parishioners stepped in to help; warning to be careful for insurance and safety reasons.

\*Cathy Immerman: A team of parishioners cleaned up the outside of SMM, did pre-winter yard work.

**2. Ushering/Collections Issue:** (Fr. Jeff)

\*Fr. attended Finance Committee meeting. The decision was made to reinstitute the collections during Mass because monetary collections are low.

\*We need more volunteer ushers, and per the Diocesan Chancellor, Fr. Dan Condon, CASE training will be required. Fr. Jeff will ask Kathy Schrader if we can have access to a list of people who are already CASE trained for CCBT ministries.

\*CMA will be addressed at this weekend's masses by the priest; we are halfway to goal but more is needed.

### **3. Social Ministry:**

\*We hosted 2 families successfully in the Family Promise Program this month. Discussion held about increasing volunteers to help. Online training and background check are required. Marie Smith has the links.

\*Jill Lee and Marie Smith attended a FP coordinators meeting and met the new director, Evonne Pomerantz, who presented a PowerPoint that was very informative. Marie can forward it to anyone who's interested.

\*Social Ministry purchased several items for the Clothing Center.

\*No turkey dinners will be provided this year for a variety of reasons.

\*Fr. Jeff: Current SM process is good. Plan to rewrite the guidelines with general wording for an enduring document (sans specific names of people).

\*Discussion held regarding spending more (expanding the monetary limit policy) to better help those in need.

\*Cathy Immerman: Mitten tree collection (socks, hats, gloves) planned as usual at both churches during Advent.

### **4. Caring Card Ministry: (Karen Kaindl)**

\*Several cards sent, including thank-you, sympathy, thinking of you, new home, mass card intentions.

\*Issue: Supply of stamps from rectory still not received.

\*Dec. 9th SMM Funeral Mass planned for Marilyn Gowers, 10 a.m. (Reception elsewhere). Mass intention from PC Feb. 24, 2024 SMM.

### **5. Eucharistic Miracles Update: (Eileen Bielemeier)**

\*The panels were booked for January elsewhere, so Eileen will reserve them for Feb. or whenever next available.

### **6. Communication of Ministries: (Maryrose Balloni)**

\*Ongoing work in progress including researching ministries in the past; Maryrose needs help from PC and more input.

\*Fr. Jeff: Suggestion to use Internet for communications among us (PC) while hammering out details and contact persons.

\*Discussion will be ongoing. Goal suggested for a Ministry Fair in fall 2024.

### **7. Inviting Former Parishioners Back to the Parish:**

\*Lengthy discussion held, various and many ideas shared about ways to welcome all.

\*No specific plan implemented, more brainstorming needed at future PC meetings. Once a plan is agreed upon, the goal is to present something solid by Easter 2024.

### **8. Photos: (Maryrose Balloni)**

\*Photos of PC members for bulletin board at churches were completed tonight.

### **9. Eucharistic Revival:**

\*The prayer before mass has been implemented successfully at both churches.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. General Policy for cancelling mass:**

\*If office is closed, then no masses.

\*If schools are closed for inclement weather, then no masses.

**2. Rosary before mass issues:** Discussion held. Time constraints require a FIRM start time and taking out reflections to streamline.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Karen Kaindl

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Jan. 18, 2024 at 6 p.m. SMM (Dec. meeting was cancelled by verbal consensus).