

CCBT Pastoral Council Minutes: May 16, 2024

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

Absent: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Mary Krehling (Vice Chair), Paul Statskey

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 p.m. @ SMM

Opening Prayer: Leader Maryrose Balloni

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ministry Updates:

- a) Men's Group (Bob Lee) - Next meeting Monday, May 20th at ST, 5:30 p.m. Fish dinner planned and wrap up of St. Paul Scripture study.
- b) Women's Book Group (Jill Lee) - Finished until Sept., bulletin announcement & invitation planned for August.
- c) Walking with Moms in Need (Eileen) - Discussion held regarding recent legal issues & lawsuit surrounding pregnancy center groups. Jane Way from Peace of Christ Parish in Rochester is hosting an open house on Sunday, June 9th; Eileen invites anyone who is interested to accompany her to observe this program which is in a more advanced stage as a possible model for us. John requested she send PC members an email with specifics. Eileen reiterated that she will continue to move forward with this program in the future though leaving the PC.
- d) Building & Grounds (Paul) - Continual maintenance occurring.
- e) Caring Card Ministry (Karen) - John confirmed that a 100-stamp roll will be mailed from the rectory to Karen. Several cards have been sent. Discussion held regarding others who may benefit from a card.
- f) Social Ministry (Jill) - The Family Promise meal took place successfully. Next dinner scheduled for August 5th. The Social Ministry team continues to help clients and also visited with the Catholic Charities Director of WC/Finger Lakes. Backpack drive is on the calendar for mid-July through mid-August.
- g) Fellowship Dinners @ SMM (Jill) - Done until the fall (Oct.). Cathy informed us that we no longer have garbage pickup, so we agreed to take the bags home ourselves for disposal or recycling.

2. Ushering Plans/Collections: Discussion held about starting up again in June; please leave note to the priests to announce at future masses. Start date Father's Day weekend. Baskets located, sign-up sheets for lector/sacristan altered at each church to include ushers.

3. CMA Update: 97%, just short of goal.

4. Trustee Replacement Nomination: Fr. Felicjan consulted, Eileen signed.

5. Pastoral Council Vacancies: Discussion held, announce at masses beginning now. Discussed how to accomplish this with the goal to get some names of people willing to serve. Contact any PC member, the priests, or contact the office. Remind the priests to announce.

6. Summer Picnic: Lengthy discussion held regarding the importance of this event and ideas were floated around. Karen checked with the office, nothing reserved to date. Maryrose checked on reserving the Village of Fair Haven pavilion (\$75 refundable holding fee). Potential dates discussed, pavilion available July 20th or 21st or most Sundays in August. Karen will check on the Bay Shelter availability in Fair Haven Park.

**Decision Made:* Secure the date before moving forward with food details and plans. A Sunday afternoon was decided upon pending availability. Karen will call Maryrose with the info she collects.

7. Communication of Ministries Brochure: (Maryrose) - Topical discussion held and opinions on the proposed brochure offered. Heading by heading addressed:

- a) Ministry of Hospitality: Greeters/Ushers needed. Contact person is Cathy Immerman. Wording of titles debated, change "Hospitality" to "Ministry of Welcoming".
- b) Ministry of Cantor: Change to Ministry of Music. Terry Vanfleet is the contact person for all churches.
- c) Ministry of Lector: Contact persons: Kathy DeMass for ST, Jill Lee for SMM.
- d) Altar Servers: Need for more discussed, names suggested. Contact the office.
- e) Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Discussion held post-pandemic. Diocese mandating training and approval via Buffalo Rd. Currently we seek a list of interested people. Contact person: Kathy Schrader (the office). Discussion held about taking Eucharist to the homebound (Fr. Jeff).
- f) Sacristans: Contact persons: Marie Smith for ST, Eileen Bielemeier for SMM.
- g) Church Cleaning Team: Contact persons: Susie Gallo for SMM, has teams in place with a schedule; Kathy DeMass and Marie Smith for ST (cleaning weekly).
- h) Membership and Community Life: Men's Group - Contact person Bob Lee, Women's Book Group - Contact person Jill Lee. Discussion held about leaving these groups under the Membership and Community Life title instead of Faith Formation/Spiritual Growth.
- i) Coffee Hour Volunteers: Seeking more teams. Contact person?
- j) Martha Ministry: Kathy DeMass contact person for all churches. Discussion held.

k) Community Dinners/Breakfasts: Discussion held with intent to foster unity between the churches.

l) Catholic Daughters of America: Currently defunct, but Karen contacted Sharon Ferindino, CDA Court Gleason #924 at St. John's in Clyde and she said they would love to welcome new members.

*Note: Due to time constraints, the brochure topics were tabled to be revisited at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Calendar of Events for Next Year: (John) - Discussion held, agreed to have a master calendar so as to keep organized & better enable foresight for planning activities (a visible agenda). Suggestion to possibly coordinate with other churches in the cluster (Fr. Jeff). John suggested that PC members bring ideas for next year to future meetings.

2. Baby Bottle Campaign: Currently in progress.

CLOSING PRAYER: Leader Maryrose.

MEETING CALLED to a CLOSE: 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 27th at 6:00 p.m. SMM (best date for Fr. Chichester). This will be the final meeting before summer break.