



**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
APRIL 2, 2019**

Members Present:

John Basile
Catherine Casolino
Amy DiSanto
Mark Jablonski
Mary Beth Kerner
Tom Kmiecik
Patrick Krapec

Michael Lewandowski
Dave Mankowski
Jenny Mosteller
Barb Richardt
Rich Weigel
Matt Zurek

Absent:

Rev. Gabriel Baltus, OSB
Susan Cassa
Susan Fronek
Mathew Klody
Dan O'Connor
Deacon Gregory Razka
Mary Beth Sobolewski

Guests:

Deb O'Connor and Heather Madsen

I. OPENING

Evening Prayer was held in Room 24 of the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

II. NEW BUSINESS

The Meeting began at 7:14 p.m.

March minutes were approved by John Basile and seconded by Amy DiSanto.

Pastor's Address

Jenny Mosteller explained that Fr. Gabriel was not able to be present at tonight's meeting due to a mandatory meeting at the Abbey.

Holy Week and Easter

As was mentioned at last month's Council meeting, we plan to advertise that we will have a more abbreviated Vigil this year, and encourage more people to attend. There are no adults to be baptized at the Easter Vigil this year. Those in RCIA will be received into Full Communion on the Third Sunday of Easter.

Lenten Soup Supper

Barb Richardt asked for additional soup and help with set-up for this Friday's soup supper, as the Pastoral Council will be coordinating the supper that evening.

Pastoral Council Discernment

Jenny Mosteller explained that an unusually large number (seven) Council members have reached their third year on the Council. This is due to the fact that the number of Council members was increased from twelve to fourteen in 2016. Mark Jablonski, John Basile, Amy DiSanto, and Barb Richardt will be retiring from the Council, while the others will remain for a second term. Jenny also reported that Matt Zurek will take on the position of Council President starting in May.

Discernment coordinator Catherine Casolino reported that she has not received any responses to the bulletin articles inviting parishioners to discern for the Pastoral Council. A Council member will speak at each Mass this weekend on this same topic, and he/she will also remain for a brief time after Mass at the Resource Center to speak to potential candidates. Catherine said that she still needs three more speakers for Mass, and explained that a script for the pulpit announcement and information packets for interested parishioners will be provided.

Matt Zurek suggested that we promote discernment for the Pastoral Council at Friday's soup supper. Jenny said she will make sure to do so and will have information packets available.

The candidates will be introduced at the May Council meeting.

School Board Update

School Board member Heather Madsen reported that the following was discussed at their most recent meeting:

- The majority of the meeting was discernment of new members. There are five interested candidates for the three open seats on School Board.
- This year's School Auction raised about \$100,000 after expenses. During a "call for cash" at the auction, \$12,000 was raised for technology, so the next step for the Technology Committee will be to obtain pricing for Chromebooks and related items.
- An offer was made to the individual who was interviewed for the position of Campus Minister.
- Father Gabriel will soon make his annual Lenten visits to the school classrooms and a special visit to the 8th Grade leading up to their Confirmation.

Heather then asked if it is working well to have a different School Board member attend the Pastoral Council meetings each month (this arrangement was made so as not to burden one person with that responsibility), or if we would prefer to have the same School Board member attend Council meetings. Jenny replied that her preference is to have a consistent School Board member attend Council meetings. Perhaps two School Board members could alternate. Jenny will also ask Fr. Gabriel if the School Board representative needs to remain for the entire Council meeting.

When asked if there was an exit interview for families who leave the school, Heather replied that any conversation with exiting families is handled by Michael Sweeney.

Jenny will bring the Council's concerns regarding declining school enrollment to Fr. Gabriel, and ascertain the Council's role in addressing this issue.

Jenny thanked Heather for being present, and she was excused.

Gaudete et Exsultate Discussion

The Council members agreed that in general, if we have been asked to read a book, it needs to be discussed earlier in our meetings so that the discussion does not keep being left for a future meeting. There should be an objective in reading the book and then discussion on how to execute the ideas gleaned from the book.

The Council members then had a discussion on Chapters 2 through 5 of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate*.

III. REMINDERS

Jenny reminded the Council of their Adoration hour commitment.

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 7th.

IV. CLOSING

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. Closing prayer was the Salve Regina.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Beth Kerner
Recording Secretary