



**ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

October 1, 2024

Members Present:

Rev. Gabriel Baltés, OSB	Tom Kmiecak
Maureen Cunningham	Matthew Krumdrick
Doug Becker	Brad Vaupel
Mike Budd	Mitch Whorlow
Jeremy Jackson	

Absent:

Lori Trinche	Dick Webb
Jacqueline Skelly	

I. OPENING

Evening Prayer began at 7:00PM. The meeting began at 7:20PM. Corey Humphreys from the SJA School Board sat in on the meeting and was introduced to the Council members.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

June Minutes were approved by Doug, and seconded by Tom.

St. Joan of Arc Strategic Plan 2024-2029

Denise Petty will put the newly approved Strategic Plan on the Parish website. Father Gabriel will talk to Denise about publicizing the website link in the bulletin so parishioners become more aware of the Strategic Plan

III. PASTOR'S UPDATE

-Church enhancement is complete. Much thanks to Deacon Jack Hayes for his fine work overseeing this project.

-Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in October. Fr. Gabriel has enough volunteers and will soon begin training.

-Jason Martyniuk has resigned as Buildings and Ground Supervisor. Mario Hernandez will take over most of the responsibilities. Lori Trinche will cover maintenance duties regarding bids, contracts, and email communications. Interviews are happening now for one full time maintenance position to help Mario.

- a. **Matthew Krumdrick:** Matthew was introduced as the new Director of Adult Faith Formation and OCIA. He has been working on updating the webpage, tallying his parish survey, and plan future programs. Currently, Matthew is supporting CRHP and beginning a Bible Study on Parables in October. Spring plans include the Alpha program for 10-11 weeks, and a retreat for women.
- b. **Julie Dillenburg:** Julie was introduced as the new Director of Religious Education. She has 26 years of experience. She has been overseeing the move of R.E. classes to Sundays to help promote attendance at both Mass and R.E. class. Julie is also working on Faith Families and Theology of the Body at the school.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **School Board:** Jeremy reported that school enrollment numbers are up and continuing to grow. The recent Golf Outing for the school was very successful. There has been an increase in young families stepping up to volunteer and take leadership roles. Fr. Gabriel mentioned that the School will be celebrating its Centennial in two years.
Finance: On behalf of Lori, Jeremy reported that the Parish Finances were in good shape as per the last Parish Finance Council Meeting.
- b. **Schedule of PPC Meetings:** Maureen presented the schedule for 2024-25 with meetings set for every other month. Tom noted this schedule gave the Council the option to add a meeting as needed. All Council members present approved the schedule.
- c. **WebPage:** The PPC would like to update the current webpage on the SJA Parish website. Doug gave a presentation on the PPC webpages from other area churches. Maureen will send links to these pages to all PPC members for their input, and is requesting responses within one week. Council members identified important elements from other parish pages like (1) a contact email for the PPC, (2) published meeting agendas, (3) photos of council members, and more. Tom volunteered to monitor the emails. Doug will work with Denise Petty to update the website. Father Gabriel highlighted the connection of the accessibility of the PPC WebPage with the Pope's Synod for Synodality.
- d. **Recruitment Campaign for New Council Members:** Two members finished their terms this past June. In moving forward, the Council is open to adding even more members. After much discussion, it was determined that volunteers from the PPC will speak after Masses the weekend of Nov. 2 and 3 regarding discernment to become a new council member. Current PPC members will be available at the Resource Center after all Masses that weekend to talk with interested parishioners. Tom shared a pulpit invitation that was used in 2018, and Karen will scan and email this to all members. The discernment questions will be shared via email with current PPC members. All candidates who are discerning this role will be invited to attend the Dec. 3 PPC Meeting. Father Gabriel emphasized that potential new members should explain what they could

contribute to the PPC. Two weeks before the invitation date, Father will make a pulpit announcement, and details will be in the bulletin.

There was discussion by the PPC of adding a November meeting with other advisory councils to find out their needs. Father Gabriel suggested Maureen reach out to these groups before scheduling the meeting to see if they have an interest in meeting in November.

- e. **Support to the Centennial Committee—Lisa Carpino Koon:** Lisa updated all present on the Centennial Committee's work. A poster for the 10th Decade of SJA is being completed and will soon hang with the other decades posters in the Parish Center. The Centennial Banquet will be held Nov. 17 at the Abbington. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses during the weekend of Nov. 9 and 10. Spiritwear will be available at the Abbington for purchase on Nov. 17. A Memory Book is being planned for 2025, and this will be available to parishioners for purchase at a later date. There will be 40 quarter page ad spaces available for \$100 each. Maureen requested an ad space be reserved for Parish Pastoral Council to purchase. Lisa asked for help from the PPC with the Dec. 14 reception following the Centennial Mass with Bishop Hicks. Volunteers will be needed to help set up tables, chairs and decorations.
- f. **Subcommittees for the Pillars:** Maureen is looking to the 5 Pillars of the Strategic Plan as where to begin to form subcommittees. The role of the subcommittee would be to attend meetings of various groups to offer support. There was concern among some of the members regarding scheduling too many meetings and making this burdensome. Mike and Tom suggested scheduling a member from one pillar to attend a pre-assigned PPC meeting to speak for 10 minutes to all present. The need for real contact amongst the PPC and other groups was brought up, as well as directives from the June PPC meeting. Father Gabriel suggested everyone send their thoughts on this topic and other topics to Maureen for discussion at the next PPC meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7:00PM in Room 24.

V. CLOSING

The meeting ended at 9:05PM. The closing prayer was the Salve Regina..

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Eldrenkamp

Recording Secretary