#### **St. John’s Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

#### **St. John’s Parish Hall – May 18, 2023 – 7:30pm**

#### **Minutes**

Members Present - Dave Mack, Alex Stanek, Tripp, Stroud, Lori Wade, Charlie McCall, John Conlon

Others present - Fr. Garrett and Fr. Luke

1) Opening Prayer from Fr. Garrett

2) Minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting (to be published if approved). Motion to approve the minutes. John Conlon made the motion. Alex Stanek 2nd.

3) Religious Ed & Youth Ministry - Report by Father Garrett -

* First Holy Communion was Apr 30th and May 7th.
* Confirmation was May 3rd.
* St John High School and Middle School students will be participating in Love Begins Here this summer.

4) Commission Reports:

a. Liturgy – Lori Wade -

* Lori had nothing to report.
* Fr. Luke brought up the upcoming feast of Pentecost. He mentioned how it was the only holiday left that hasn’t been transformed by our culture and how important it is for us to celebrate it.

b. Education – Alex Stanek

* Congratulations to Kaleb Esser and Katie Hahn - this year’s recipients of the St. John’s Scholarship Awards!
* Ms. Sanders, our current music teacher, informed me yesterday that she accepted a teaching position in Milwaukee as this will put her closer to her significant other. We had Ms. Sanders through an agreement with Saint Maria Goretti, and we’ll be exploring continuing that arrangement as they plan on backfilling her position.
* Mrs. Druckery will not be returning next school year as she is searching for a full-time position. This leaves a specials opening. I would love to find another Spanish teacher but that may prove difficult. Allison is open to exploring other specials in place of Spanish including art and/or technology.
* On Friday, May 12, the first through fourth grade students participated in Lil’ Hawks Track & Field Day with the RV and St. Luke’s students. The weather cooperated and the kids had a lot of fun.
* 4K Graduation will be held in the Parish Center at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 23rd.
* A field trip to White Mound is being planned for Thursday, May 25th. Many parent volunteers have signed up to help with the activities that have been planned for the students. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year. Fr. Garrett, Fr. Luke, and possibly Fr. Kumud will be in attendance.
* On Friday, May 26th, our last day of school, there will be a graduation Mass at 1:30pm. Fr. Garrett will be grilling out for our cookout lunch prior to Mass.

c. Finance – John Conlon -

* John presented the most current financial report.
* Even though there is still a huge budget deficit this year, the offertory income is about $25k more than budgeted.

d. Parish Life & Stewardship – Tripp Stroud

* No report

e. Buildings & Grounds – Charlie McCall

* Charlie gave an update on the current projects and mentioned some upcoming work to be done.

5) Old Business:

a. Knights of Columbus update – Charlie McCall

* Golf outing is Jun 3rd.
* Chicken BBQ is coming up.

6) New Business:

a. Presentation of revised endowment policy for possible action – John Conlon

* John gave an overview of the proposed revision to the endowment policy of which he provided a copy to each council member 2-days prior to this meeting. Essentially, it’s a rewrite of the current policy to bring it in line with the standard language of the Diocesan template for endowment policies. This revision, however, does give the parish the ability to borrow endowment funds in emergencies and in extreme circumstances. In both cases, the trustees must approve such a distribution by unanimous approval and must be paid back before another such distribution is made. After extensive discussion of this revision, Dave Mack made a motion recommending approval of this revised endowment policy. John Conlon 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Stewardship Campaign – Dave Mack

* Dave was about to give an update sharing the progress made on the Stewardship Campaign since the last council meeting but that turned out to be a moot point due to recent developments.
* Fr. Luke mentioned he’d like to spend his time and energy first on the transition to the new pastorate and tackle a Stewardship Campaign at some point in the future. He wanted to make sure that when we take on the huge effort and expense of such a campaign that we invest all our time and energy into it. The council members strongly consented to this approach.

7) Open Agenda

* Fr. Luke mentioned he’s hosting an opportunity for parishioners to meet with him on Jun 22nd. Mass will be at 5:30 pm in St Luke followed by a potluck dinner. Then he’ll show a brief video, share some words, and will open it up for questions and comments. He encouraged all council members to attend.
* Fr. Garrett reminded everyone of the upcoming appreciation night on Jun 6 at 6:30 pm at St John.

8) Next Meeting: Jun 15, 2023 – 6:30pm

9) Adjournment John Conlon and Lori Wade