

APRIL 18, 2024
ST. STEPHEN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Present:

Ron Blaha
Phil DiSalvo
Dr. Jim Ford
Joe Kinsella
Jennifer Knapp
John & Mary Sullivan

Excused:

Donna Bella
Randy Stroik
Lynn Di Salvo

- I. Meeting began with prayer at 6 p.m.
- II. St. Bronislava Administrator: Father shared what his position as temporary administrator of St. Bronislava parish means for his time and our parish.
 - A. Day to day and month to month, Father is busier and needs to oversee the parish.
 - B. Moving forward, he will be there every Friday morning.
 - C. He will take over their priestly missions and ministries, such as nursing home Mass and hearing confessions. He will be there one weekend a month.
 - D. Father's calendar is fuller.
 - E. This is temporary and should conclude in early July.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Inspired by the Spirit Update
 1. Goal: \$1,000,000; Pledged: \$726,77.17; Paid: \$438,155.04; 110 families
 - B. Diocesan Annual Appeal
 1. Goal: \$45,535; Pledged: \$25,126.13; 96 families
 - C. Update on Automated Chimes:
 1. There is no update; we have not received an email response, but we will call before the end of the week.
 - D. Mission Statement Check-in
 1. Ron shared summaries from prior discussions regarding the Mission Statement and compiled two statements for review.
 2. Committee Statements
 - a) Ask committees to complete a statement over the summer and plan goals for each quarter next year.
 - b) We could bulletin ministry features or hold a ministry fair.
 - c) Begin promoting Committees at the movie night through poster boards, handouts, and information sharing. Following Labor Day, hold a ministry fair.
 - E. Ministry Questionnaire Update
 1. We ask that those on the council who did not complete the questionnaire with the Parish Council in mind but a committee that they redo it as a council member.
 - F. Hymnal Update
 1. The Sacred Worship Committee has chosen the Journeysongs Hymnal.
 2. We have begun taking offerings to sponsor hymnals.
 - G. Youth Ministry Sweepstakes
 1. Timeline
 - a) Event: August 24

- b) Movie: Luca?
 - c) Envelope stuffing June 19 at 4 p.m.
 - d) John will work on underwriting.
2. Deadlines: Phil and John will work on the ticket and share it. The goal is to have it in the mail before the end of June.

H. Parish Council Elections

- 1. We hope to do nominations the weekend of May 4 & 5
- 2. We will put a notice in the 4/28 bulletin.

IV. New Business

A. City of Stevens Point, Community Preservation Plan Meeting

- 1. Father shared a notice from the City about a meeting regarding a community preservation plan.
- 2. Father asked that any members interested in attending are welcome to attend.

V. Committees

- A. Sacred Worship: Move forward with the choice of Hymnal; there was a mix-up with the low host count on Easter. Katie, our new organist, is adjusting. All First Communions are done.
- B. Education: CCD is winding down for the year. Our middle and high school youth rally was yesterday. Confirmation prep is done on Sunday, and grade school CCD next week. Over the summer, we will add a STEM lab complements of a grant from Sentry; our current 3rd-grade teacher will be the STEM lab teacher, so we are looking for a third and first-grade teacher who is staying home to care for her growing family. The baccalaureate Mass will be at St. Bron's this year. Summer Blast will be at the high school due to construction at the St. Stephen Campus. In June, Father and Christine will be attending a conference. We will take two buses from the deanery to the Answer in La Crosse. There will be a middle school trip to Champion and Bay Beach at the end of July. We are partnering with St. Brons for VBC.
- C. Buildings & Grounds: We did have to do the backflow repair in the church; Phil is preparing plans for more accurate bids.
- D. Family Life: May 5 is our pancake breakfast; we will try to work in a donut social in the summer; and spaghetti dinner with movie night
- E. Justice & Peace: will host a meal of hope in September.

VI. Next Meeting: June 13, 2024 at St. Stephen