

Meeting Minutes for Pastoral Council meeting of Thursday, January 23, 2025

Pastoral Council Members X=Present			
x	Deacon Jeff Prickette- Parish Administrator	x	Barb Rueckl-Chair/ Worship rep.
x	Doug Wichman- Secretary Trustee		Donell Bonetti- Vice Chair
x	Becky Krueger-Discipleship	x	Rob Rivera- Member at large
	Jennifer Mahoney- Member at large/Young Adult rep	x	Deb Bos- Community Life
x	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Jenny Vandenlangenberg- Family and Youth Initiatives & PC secretary
x	Phyllis John- Member at large (Welcoming)		

1. **Opening prayer** – Doug Wichman provided prayer in a reflection he wrote called Sun.

2. **Events:**

- Rural Life Days will be held at Prince of Peace on Thursday, May 15, 2025. About 150 people are expected to attend. There will be Mass, then lunch. It will focus on the agricultural interests of people in our area including beekeeping, gardening, etc. We need to take care of ticket sales, supply volunteers for set up and clean up. Donell would like to help coordinate some of these pieces. Rob is going to look into how we may be able to get High School youth involved (FFA).
- Entrust Sessions will be held at Holy Cross parish - Feel free to sign up on our own. When: Friday, February 28, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P. Saturday, March 1, 2025 – 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Register by 2/14/2025 at www.holycrossgb.org/entrust-retreat
- The All-Committee workshop originally scheduled for 2/22/2025 is being postponed.

3. **Updates :**

- One-by-One campaign - Jeff reported that we are getting \$10-12K donated per week, making steady progress towards the principle of the loan.
- Committee Purpose Statements-Barb shared a document that included the verbiage of the purpose statements for each committee that is currently on the Parish Constitution, Annual Report, and the Trifold Pamphlet. Please review these and submit the correct verbiage to Barb and Donell by 2.27.25. They don't have to match exactly, but need to be close.

Barb also shared a one page brochure template for each committee to complete. This will be used by the office to print out or e-mail to someone when they express interest in joining a committee. Let us know if there are other items that should be added to the template. The goal is to have these finalized by May for each Committee.

- Constitution-The group looked over the items on the Parish Constitution sheet that Barb handed out and let her know of things that needed to be updated.
- Jingle, Mingle event-Those who attended gave opinions and ideas for next year to Barb who will bring them forth to the Music Ministry leaders for consideration. Overall it was a nice and well attended event.
- New Members Welcome Dinner – Phyllis John reported that the Welcome Committee is going to discontinue these dinners due to low attendance, and instead focus on hosting 2-3 donut Sundays per year for better visibility.
- Committee Spotlight Months – Each Committee submitted their preferred months to Barb and she will communicate out the schedule as the months are filled in. FYI Committee will kick things off in March. The list of what is expected of each committee was distributed. The need for graphic design assistance for event promotions was discussed and one possibility is looking for parishioners who may want to volunteer to help with this.
- Walk to Mary will be held on May 3rd. Deacon Jeff would like to get customized t-shirts for the members of POP that participate. We need at least 24 people in order to do this. We could also take group photos at each starting point along the way as well. Jeff will get posters to promote this wonderful opportunity.
- Barb shared the updated poster for the Organizational Chart. It will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall soon.

4. New Business:

- Barb shared a Personnel survey for the Parish Staff to complete by 1.27.25. The answers will be used to help the Pastoral Council move forward in strategic planning.

5. Closing prayer - The group read Bishop Ricken's Jubilee Year of Hope prayer together.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.