

**St. Gregory Parish  
Pastoral Council  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Fr. Bill Brunner, Rita Steffen, Jean Blattner, Tre Waldren, Steve Noworatzky, Julie Galien, Melissa Frost, Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Patty Wilhelm, and Theresa Zimmermann

**Jean Blattner began the Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:10 pm leading us in Lectio Divina.**

Review and approval of **April minutes**. Motioned to approve by Steve Noworatzky and seconded by Melissa Frost.

**Review of Committee Reports:**

- Faith Formation - Melissa Frost asked about the upcoming Confirmation. Patty Wilhelm stated that a date had not been set as of yet and 4 students and 2 adults will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year between the two parishes.
- Outreach – St. Gregory Caring Hearts & Hands – Melissa Frost asked that a correction be made. Amy Kopanski should be listed as the Treasurer Assistant rather than Treasurer.
- Maintenance Report – Melissa Frost brought to the council’s attention that the walkway by the prayer garden has loose gravel which causes it to be slippery. She will speak with Maintenance about this concern. In addition, it was noted that the exterior stairs will be receiving yellow paint on the front edges.
- Active Projects – Fr. Bill informed us that a small group of professionals will be reviewing the condition of the rectory to see where things are at. After the review is complete and their recommendations are submitted, we will get an estimate of cost. Father will be putting a small announcement in the bulletin, so parishioners know what the current status of this project is.

**2024-2025 Budget** was reviewed and discussed for clarification. There will be some minor adjustments from the Finance Council, however what has been shared is fairly accurate and will be reviewed for final approval in June.

- A more detailed discussion was had regarding the Good Samaritan Fund. Deacon Gary was able to visit St. Francis of Assisi to learn more about how they administer such a program. In summary, donations are received and approximately 1/3 stays in the parish and 2/3 is forwarded to a fund named “Care Link.” Other parishes in the community also donate to this fund. The funds distribution is administered by the Salvation Army. Parishioners in need can apply for assistance from one of the funds and communications between other organizations offering such assistance are made aware to prevent abuse of the program. No rent, mortgages can be paid through this fund and its use is more for food, utilities, doctor bills, etc. and is one time only. Further details will continue to be discussed and worked through while, in the meantime, with this information, we can be a resource to those who are seeking help by providing this information to them.

**Election Update** – Briefly reviewed the names of those nominated for Pastoral Council as well as the Cemetery Committee. Fr. Bill will begin reaching out to them to make the “ask.”

**National Eucharistic Procession** information as well as their promotion was shared:

- June 17 – Eucharistic Procession from Monastery to St. Gregory with Holy Hour (7pm-8pm)
- June 18 – Mass at SS Peter & Paul, Kiel (5pm-6:15pm)

**Church Lending Library** – Jean Blattner has volunteered to put together a lending library in the back of church. This is not being created to be a book exchange but rather Jean will purchase books for parishioners use. More information to come!

**Pastoral Transition Update** – No update at this time.

- Fr. Bill's farewell gathering will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Gregory's.
- Fr. Bill will find out the plan for when our interim priest, Father Patrick leaves and our new priest begins.

Placement of **St. Michael image** was discussed and agreed that a statue may not be possible, but a different version would be feasible and could be placed above the chapel window, opposite of the Holy Spirit above the confessional.

**Next Meeting** will be held jointly with the Finance Council on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm**

Minutes submitted by: Theresa Zimmermann