

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2/2/22

Members Present: Father Matt, Joyce Humfeld, Dennis Vinger, Phyllis Krause, Kris Brueggen

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Fr. Matt.

Fr. Matt is looking for volunteers to help plan the RE programming for the future. dates and times for meetings on this have not been set at this time. An assessment of what parents and children are looking for, and what has been helpful or unhelpful for them in the past will be discussed. Perhaps revamp the textbook style of education to more of an active/hands on approach focusing on service, prayer/prayer styles, interacting with others.

The confirmation class is taught by Pat and Steve Obernberger. They are using a book entitled: Decision Point. There are 8 young people to be confirmed. They have agreed to meet weekly after Mass on Sundays for one hour. Could the PCCW help with food for the class? Confirmation will be Thursday, May 26th, if the Bishop is able to do this, otherwise, a date on a Sunday will be reserved. Ideas for gifts for the confirmands needs further discussion.

Tony's ordination is May 7th. There will be 8 new deacons ordained this spring. PCCW picked up the cost of the meal for Deacon Tully's ordination reception. They would do the same for Tony. Since he is ordained on Mother's Day weekend, perhaps have the reception a week later?

The church will not buy matching vestments for the priest and deacon. Rather, we will purchase some to match what we have for the priest already. These are, and will continue to be, the property of the parish.

Discussion on graduation gifts and scholarship—Fr. Matt suggested doing something for each graduate that may help them grow spiritually, such as contributing in part to a retreat, special travel, or pilgrimage to stimulate spiritual growth.

First Communion—lots of parents wish to wait until a full year of RE is possible, but there are a few families who will do a retreat day, penance, and first communion this spring.

Synod—Kathy Lund has prepared a presentation of the data from the surveys. Presentation to the congregation will happen after Masses on Feb 19 - 20. Council members who can will be present to assist in providing information, listening to ideas, etc.

Craig Poshepny has accepted a new job and will not be as available to the council going forward. We have 2 openings for an appointed council member. Fr. Matt knows of one person who would like to serve. Would Cathryn Poshepny wish to be on the council as well?

Diocesan Capital Campaign Planning—this is meant to create an endowment trust. There are some options with regard to how to meet our assessment. Fr. Matt will continue to work with the diocese on what our options are, and we will discuss more about this when more information is available.

The Meeting closed with a prayer from Fr. Matt

Next meeting April 6th at 7 pm.