

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Meeting July 6, 2022

Present: Father Joe Richards, Deacon Tony Shay, Beth Lakmann, Phyllis Krause, Dennis Vinger, Dale Pertzborn (finance council representative), Kristine Brueggen, Parker Moore, Pat Peterson, Joyce Humfeld (PCCW representative)

1. **Opening:** The meeting was started with an opening prayer offered by Fr. Joe.
2. **Introductions:** all introduced themselves and spoke of one project or goal in mind for the council. Father Joe shared that he is very focused on relational ministry and is hoping to be an instrument of healing for us personally and as a parish as well as our need to work together with Coon Valley for the benefit of both parishes. He will need assistance with the administrative side of running a parish as this is new for him.
3. **Updates**
  - A. ADA doors will be installed in Marion Hall and in the front of the church. The RE wing door will be done at a later date. We need an electrician for the installation. Forkash Electric and Geary Electric were recommended. Further discussion of whom to hire will be forthcoming.
  - B. New Parish Directory: Pat reached out to Julie Steiner, who chaired this project for the last directory. Julie is willing to help, but not to chair. She would help with organizing the committee for this project as well. Kris Brueggen will also help but does not wish to chair. Pat, Kris, Fran and Fr. Joe will be on the committee thus far. There was discussion about getting the REP and other committees up and running again prior to the directory being done. We will put an inquiry in the bulletin to let anyone interested in helping know that this project is getting underway. Cathy Lund may also be interested
  - C. Piano for upstairs: Beth discussed an acoustic vs digital. Beth has recommended an upright for the sound quality. Discussion of whether or not Leithold's would take the old piano on trade or if we would wish to sell it to a parishioner. Two parish families have donated a total of \$20,000 toward the purchase of the piano.
  - D. Rectory inspection: Fr. Joe and Fran got a home inspection. Details of the inspection are available for review. Mostly cosmetic things are needed (flooring, furniture), but there is need for a ground wire for the electric, smoke detector.
4. **Inspired by the Spirit ideas:** It was asked whether there is a list of memorials. There is a bell system in the church now that chimes on the hour. Neighbors have complained about the noise of the bells playing music in the past. Fr. Joe will follow up on this.

Kris excused herself here and Dale took up secretarial duties. The agenda included four points (Keys & Codes, Parish Committees, Speaker System & Hearing Loops, and Choir Loft Lighting) for which we have no record. By Fr. Joe's memory we didn't address these topics at length.

5. **Mass Times** – The current weekday and weekend mass times were reviewed and remain as scheduled for now. Viroqua and Coon Valley parishes have shared their favorite times/suggestions for the weekend masses with Father Joe. Mass times are not set in stone.
6. **Volunteer/Staff Recognition Event** –An idea for an event to recognize parish volunteers was outlined. It is important to recognize the many contributions of parish members as we return to a more traditional routine for parish activities following clergy turnover and the pandemic.
7. **Other Business** – “Welcome Father Joe” events will be held on July 30 and July 31; planning has started for a grill out on Saturday (7/30) and a potluck on Sunday (7/31).
8. **Next Meeting Date/Concluding Prayer** – The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Marian Hall at 7:00 PM. Father Joe concluded with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned.