

ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022, 5:00 PM

Present: Dennis Vinger, Phyllis Krause, Joyce Humfeld (PCCW), Pat Peterson, Rhonda Kiedinger (FiCon), Parker Moore, Kris Brueggen, Fr. Joe Richards

- 1) Opening Prayer led by Fr. Joe
- 2) Old Business
 - a. Minutes from September 7 were reviewed & approved
 - b. Religious Education Recap – the first RE session (October 2) & Family Mass (October 16) went well, with families currently working through the month's curriculum.
 - c. Fall Dinner: 141 adult meals and 9 kid meals were served in-house; the quilt raffle met standard response; Joyce Humfeld is currently organizing our side of the Thanksgiving community dinner.
 - d. Upcoming "Big Days"
 - i. All Saints
 1. October 31 (Vigil) at 6:30 PM
 2. November 1 (Day of) at 12:10 PM and 6:30 PM
 - ii. All Souls
 1. November 2 at 12:10 and 6:30 PM, the latter with a memorial for the last year's deceased parishioners and a meal after
 2. Julie Moore is leading the evening Mass memorial and dinner afterward, and presented on it to the Council
 - iii. Immaculate Conception
 1. December 7 (Vigil) at 6:30 PM
 2. December 8 (Day of) at 12:10 PM
 - a. 6:30 PM Mass at Coon Valley
 - i. NOTE: no 8:00 AM Mass at CV this day
 - iv. Christmas
 1. We will follow the standard weekend schedule between Viroqua and Coon Valley.
 2. We will add in a midnight Mass in Viroqua; Fr. Joe and Beth will coordinate.
- 3) New Business
 - a. Parish Security Plan: Following a visit and walkthrough of our facilities with the chief of police and one of the officers, Parker presented on their notes & recommendations: ABVM is a designated gathering space for the High School in the event of gas leak or fire; PD was concerned about the number

of exterior doors we have unlocked on a regular and weekend basis; PD recommends having a team of parishioners keeping an eye on things during services and activities, with awareness of traffic flow and with training offered by PD; Shawna McDowell (game warden, parishioner) was present to volunteer ongoing help and feedback and coordinate with Parker for further development.

- b. Parish Directory: Photos are scheduled for the week of November 7-12, with the possibility of a make-up session in December; the committee is seeking hosts and hostesses to staff the sessions.
 - c. Home- & Facility-bound ministry: Jeanette Amundson is presently visiting 14 Catholics in our local facilities. We have a two-fold need: first, to clean up our lists; second, to recruit more active parishioners to visit homebound and facility-bound parishioners.
 - d. Capital Campaign: There is an upcoming capital campaign to begin in December, for which we will be responsible for raising \$220,000, pledged over five years, and from which we will see a \$143,000 return for our own capital improvements. Fr. Joe requests the parish council to consider projects we need to work on around the parish.
- 4) Next Meeting Date: December 7 at 5:00 PM
 - 5) Closing Prayer led by Fr. Joe