

ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Marian Hall

Rollcall: Kris Brueggen, Parker Moore, Pat Peterson, Phyllis Krause, Cathy Poshepny, Joyce Humfeld (PCCW), Paul O'Rourke (FiCon), Beth Lakmann (ex officio), Fr. Joe Richards (ex officio)

- 1) Opening Prayer led by Fr. Joe
- 2) Old Business
 - a. Previous minutes – The council reviewed minutes from December 7: amended to include Julie Steiner in roll call, and passed.
 - b. Christmas Mass Schedule Review – It worked well to follow the standard weekend schedule, and the council recommends that we include the Midnight Mass next year as well.
 - c. Parish Directory – The parish directory is expected to be delivered around Easter time.
 - d. Capital Campaign – Following our conversation of December 7, it has been decided to forego a major project in favor of smaller capital improvements and repairs, such as exterior doors, renovating the confessional, sidewalks, etc.
- 3) New Business
 - a. Music & Liturgy Report – Beth Lakmann reports on development in our Music and Liturgy office, including a new piano, a seasonally flowing focus in liturgical music, drawing RE kids in to help with the monthly family Mass, and bolstering the choir with new musicians and refined focus on every other weekend.
 - b. Concerning Charlie Richmond's laicization – Fr. Joe reports that our previous pastor Fr. Charlie Richmond has been released from the obligations of Holy Orders, including celibacy and obedience, and is now titled Mr. Charlie Richmond.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds Committee – The Buildings and Grounds Committee has come together to address the sinkhole and is now looking ahead to a parish walkthrough.
 - d. Upcoming Liturgies
 - i. Ash Wednesday – Deacon will lead a morning service (anticipated 7:00/7:30, not yet finalized); Coon Valley will have a 12:10 Mass; Viroqua will have a 6:30 Mass.
 - ii. Easter Triduum – The Council discussed the best cooperative sharing of Triduum liturgies. Following the rotation started last year, Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil will be celebrated in Viroqua; Good Friday will have one service at each church; Sunday will follow the standard Sunday schedule.
 - e. Pastorate Request – Fr. Joe solicited feedback on his time as Parochial Administrator to share with the diocesan Personnel Council, with the intention of requesting assignment as Pastor. The Pastoral Council shared feedback to be brought before the Personnel Council, meeting January 12.
 - f. Final comments – Joyce asks about the chili cookoff, Kris & Cathy volunteer to provide ingredients, and Fr. Joe volunteers to ask some of the parish men to help out.
- 4) Conclusion
 - a. Next Meeting: March 1, 5:00 PM
 - b. Concluding Prayer led by Fr. Joe