

ABVM Pastoral Council Minutes

May 11, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Marian Hall

Present: Rhonda Kiedinger, Pat Peterson, Joyce Humfeld, Phyllis Krause, Dennis Vinger, Cathy Poshepny, Parker Moore

1) Opening Prayer, led by Fr. Joe

2) Old Business

a. Capital Campaign status – Fr. Joe shared that we are past the halfway mark in pledges. Phase one of project implementation will focus on the outdoor space (drainage, beautification, useability). Phase two will address the worship space, drawing together a committee and bringing in an outside firm to assess the space and carry out renovations.

i. Rhonda Kiedinger shared the drainage plan, developing with C&C Landscaping.

b. Community Garden – The general appeal for material support was well received. A workday is scheduled for May 20, with parishioner Matt Kararo facilitating.

c. Marian Hall Tables – The Council voted in favor of replacing the tables in Marian Hall with commercial plastic tables. Fr. Joe and Joyce will coordinate.

d. Rosary Booklets – Fran has placed an order for rosary booklets.

3) New Business

a. Seminarian – John Francis will be staying with us this summer through June and July. During his time he'll be working a few days a week at the Vocations Office and following our liturgical calendar with us, leading a few

small group book/Bible studies. Fr. Joe continues to encourage folks to welcome him into whatever's going on in their social lives during his time here.

- b. RE Wing cleanup & usage – Megan and Cathy have been putting time into the classrooms, clearing and repurposing the two upstairs classrooms for a small group space and for one on one meetings. This process continues.
  - i. There will be a potluck on June 7 to welcome John.
- c. Religious Education wrap-up – The year's curriculum has wrapped up. There will be a celebration and blessing of graduates and students the weekend of May 20-21.
- d. Pastoral questions:
  - i. Parish nurse – Fr. Joe inquired whether there has ever been a parish nurse to aid with basic checkups, medical consultation, and homebound ministry.
  - ii. Summer & Fall Events – The Council agreed to hold another meeting in June to focus specifically on summer and fall events.
- e. Fr. Joe reported on Pastoral Council terms: 2 years, renewable twice.

#### 4) Conclusion

- a. Next Meeting Date
- b. Concluding Prayer, led by Fr. Joe