

**ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023 – 4:00 PM – Marian Hall**

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

1) Opening Prayer

2) Mixed Business

- a. Capital Campaign status & Timeline: We're standing at \$332,825 in pledges. Under Franz' guidance, C&C will be completing drainage work and beginning beautification work this fall. A contract with Fowler & Hammer for the kitchen & quilters' doors is being finalized.
- b. Hospitality: The PCCW will continue hosting third-Sunday hospitality. Circles are currently being evaluated and bolstered, with fifty non-participating registered parishioners.
- c. Religious Education: This year's program will build on last year's, using *A Family of Faith* for a core curriculum. Developments include: Teaming up with Coon Valley, with Bridget Goodwin co-teaching with Fr. Joe after the 10:30 Mass; Pam Schipper leading an early childhood program during the core curriculum; Beth assembling and leading a more children-oriented kids' choir; Confirmation meeting twice a month instead of once. Ongoing work needs to focus on ministry to MS and upper elementary students.
 - i. There will hopefully be an adult education program in place during Advent.

- ii. The decision was made to host RE in Marian Hall after Mass, with PCCW providing light refreshments for attendees.
 - iii. The question was raised about providing a few events for MS/HS students throughout the year.
- d. Emergency Shelter Rep (3a): Picking up on the discussion from June's meeting, Kris & Pat will coordinate to contact possible team members and leadership to develop and run a disaster response plan geared toward supporting the broader community.
- e. Emergency Response: The discussion was brought up of whether we need a functioning roster of medical/emergency personnel at Mass. For a start, Kris is going to call Public Health to inquire about a First Aid and/or CPR training session hosted at the parish.
- f. Ecumenical Events: There is a desire to make ourselves more present in the broader community, especially in an ecumenical context. Rhonda volunteers to coordinate a conversation with Good Shepherd about their last-Monday-of-the-Month community meals, with Joyce offering assistance.
- g. Reception of Communion under both species: Parishioners have been asking about when we'll bring back the common chalice at Mass. Fr. Joe voiced his overcomable (not a word) reservations about accidents and misunderstanding. The narrative is that the question is on the table but an answer is not expected immediately.

3) Conclusion

- a. Next Meeting Date: September 27, 4:00 PM
- b. Concluding Prayer