

**ABVM Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 27, 2023**

Present: Joyce Humfeld, Pat Peterson, Cathy Poshepny, Kris Brueggen, Phyllis Krause, Beth Lakmann, Rhonda Kiedinger, Fr. Joe Richards, Parker Moore, *Julie Moore*

Old Business

1) Campus Projects

a. Complete/In process

- i. Seal coating: Joe Fortney's crew has been filling cracks and sealcoating. This is intended to carry us through until either we need to repeat the process or to hold a bigger fund drive for repaving.
- ii. Drainage: C&C has installed wide-gauge drain pipe to take water directly from the downspouts through a catch basin to the street sewer drain. They discovered a new sinkhole that opened up since the last repair, so once recent excavations settle we'll monitor for ongoing erosion.

b. Upcoming

- i. Kitchen doors – Fowler & Hammer is installing doors by the kitchen and quilting entrance, waiting on supply until mid-October
- ii. RE Wing doors – Keith Yahn is getting a bid from La Crosse Glass to install windows into the RE doors.
- iii. Lighting
  1. We are in the preliminary stages of contracting for exterior lights on the front of the church, Congress Ave.

2. Top parking lot – We are exploring directed lighting in the upper lot to keep it from shining into neighbors' houses.
- 2) Emergency Response Team: Kris met with Brandon Larson and established a team with Pat McGuire and two assistants to help us provide shelter in emergency situations. In such a situation the fire department opens the doors and Red Cross provides for temporal needs.
  - a. Kris is also coordinating a CPR training (non-certified), likely for late November.
- 3) Good Shepherd Community Meal: Rhonda attended the meal on 9/25 to scout it out; our shift has moved to February 26. We will need a greeter, servers, etc. to bring the meal together, right around 10+ people.
- 4) Communion under both species: Fr. Joe is considering distributing Communion under both species at special events – Corpus Christi, Christ the King, Holy Family, etc. to accentuate and punctuate the moment with greater solemnity.
- 5) Fall Dinner: Julie Moore reported on the upcoming Fall Dinner (October 18). We have folks signing up for jobs & roasting turkeys and particularly need servers and clean-up crew.

#### New Business

- 1) Parker Moore will represent the PC to the Finance Council, and Fr. Joe will get him the schedule when its recent rearrangement comes together. At the next meeting, Rhonda will give a report on the Finance Council's proceedings.
- 2) Campaign Implementation Steering Committee: With roughly \$150,000 to put toward our worship space, members Jacinta Henden, Julie Moore, Tom Johnson,

Megan Prorok, Sheryl Robinson, Franz Funovitz, Jenny Leum, Matt Kararo have agreed to sit on a steering committee for consultation and interior design. Fr. Joe doesn't expect visible movement for a calendar year, but is gathering this committee to guide the process.

3) RCIA: Fr. Joe met with the team (Dan Kiedinger, Alex Kararo) this afternoon. An email is going out to our potentials (one catechumen, two already-baptized) candidates to get schedules together. This is a discernment-oriented process, meant to give candidates the data and tools they need to make a good decision about joining the Church or not.

#### 4) Upcoming Liturgies

- a. All Saints (November 1, Holy Day of Obligation): Tuesday in Coon Valley, 5:15 PM; Wednesday in Viroqua, 12:05; Wednesday in Viroqua, 5:15 PM
- b. All Souls (November 2): 8:00 in Coon Valley; 5:15 in Viroqua with soup supper to follow. Beth, Fr. Joe, Julie will coordinate the liturgy.
- c. Christmas: The Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23/24) will retain the customary weekend schedule; Christmas eve will follow the schedule 4:00 in Coon Valley, 6:30 in Viroqua; Christmas day will follow the schedule Midnight in Viroqua, 8:00 in Coon Valley, 10:30 in Viroqua.
- d. Triduum will be hosted in Viroqua.

#### Conclusion

- 1) Next Meeting Date: November 15, 4:00
- 2) Concluding Prayer