

ABVM Pastoral Council Minutes

November 15, 2023

Opening Prayer

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

- Old Business
 - Completed Events
 - Fall Dinner: 749 meals served against a 750 meal target; small profit decrease due to increased turkey cost and equipment purchase
 - All Saints' Day: Noon Mass saw a higher attendance than 5:15
 - All Souls' Day: 76 present for Mass, 46 for dinner; visibility boost from having candles set up in gathering space for the week ahead of time
 - CPR Training: Emily Olson came from Public Health to instruct 7 participants in CPR & AED
 - Participating: Pat Biebl, Sheryl Robinson, Connie Buchholz, Cathy Lund, Gail Frie, Loann Frie, Kris Brueggen (facilitating)
 - Little Rock Scripture Study: Scripture study on first half of Mark initiated by Melanie Halvorson; first week saw 30 in attendance, and the study runs through November and December, with a pause before launching into the second half
 - FiCon Rep report: Parker Moore attended the Finance Council to represent Pastoral Council, with a positive report on their knowledge, dedication, and competence
- New Business
 - Upcoming Holy Days
 - Immaculate Conception (December 8, Holy Day of Obligation)
 - December 7: 5:15 Mass at Coon Valley
 - December 8: 8 and 12:10 Mass at Viroqua
 - Christmas
 - Locked in:
 - December 24: 4:00 in Coon Valley, 6:30 in Viroqua
 - December 25: 10:30 in Viroqua
 - TBD:
 - December 25: Midnight or 8:00 AM in Coon Valley
 - Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day, Obligation dispensed, January 1)
 - No Vigil
 - 8:00 AM in Coon Valley, 10:30 AM in Viroqua
 - Steering Committee
 - Available Funds: Out of \$242,540 coming back to the parish, \$186,941 remains unallocated; roughly \$35,000 will go toward paving, lighting, rectory work; \$150,000 toward church interior
 - Membership: Jacinta Henden, Franz Funovitz, Julie Moore, Megan Prorok, Tom Johnson, Jenny Leum, Matt Kararo, Sheryl Robinson

- Two initial meetings directed at brainstorming and developing redecoration vision; Matt Kararo and Fr. Joe will facilitate a parish survey in December before the committee addresses specific target areas through late winter and spring.
- Christmas Meal: A parish meal for any parishioners wanting to join other folks on Christmas day after the 10:30 Mass, down in Parish Hall; simple RSVP
 - Volunteering support as needed: Kris, Cathy, Beth
- Pastoral Minister Position: Fr. Joe shared that he is considering bringing on a staff position to serve youth, young adult, and family ministry, focusing on small group work and community evangelization. It's still early in the process, and he expects concrete development through March and April before a summer start.
- Next Meeting: January 10, 4:00 PM, in Marian Hall