

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—June 11, 2026

Present: Julie Moore—PCCW, Phyllis Krause, Aaron Kane, David Hall, Father Joe, Pat Obernberger, Jenny Leum, Kris Brueggen

**Opening prayer and welcome** to Julie Moore, who will be joining us from the PCCW.

**Update and follow up on Father Joe's transition**— Father Joe will be gone the second weekend of August. Fran will be going to Hillsboro and Wonewoc to assist there. Carly and Pat are increasing their administrative work. Carly will be present at Pastoral Council meetings going forward.

**Parish Websites**—Pat Obernberger, Kris Brueggen, Steve Schulte and Scott Leum will meet soon to discuss what we have now, and what we will need in the future. Tentative meeting date will be Friday, June 26 at 12:30 PM.

**Fire Night in Viroqua**—Friday, July 10, from 6:30-8:30 PM. There will be adoration with prayer and worship, confession, prayer teams. There will be participants who have had IM training (healing prayer model), who can pray with participants. We will conclude the evening with a potluck and bonfire.

**Update on Healing the Whole Person which is the Parish Mission**—there is an 8-week program which focuses on getting to know the self, identifying past and present wounds, and learning how to receive Jesus. This is a once- weekly program that will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. 30-35 people can participate. There will be another one in the spring.

**Requests from families for play equipment, picnic tables on the church grounds**— Jenny will talk with families to assess who might be interested in doing a proposal, and who may wish to help make this happen. Father Joe will look in to how this may affect our liability.

**Pilgrimage to St. Theresa of Avila Adoration Chapel in Union Center**—suggested making this a multi parish adoration followed by a picnic gathering, a meet and greet in the park pavilion, and a bike ride on the 400 State Trail. We could consider doing this instead of the parish picnic in Viroqua this year. We will reach out to parishioners to evaluate interest.

**Requests for coat hooks and sanitary product trash bins in the upstairs restrooms**—Father Joe and Jenny Leum will work with Cole to get this done.

**Nominations for a new parish council member**—there was discussion about having a new member join the council soon, to ensure there will be continuity in the activities of the council. Please think about people who may wish to join the council in mind and share suggestions with Father Joe.

**Blood Drive at Annunciation of the BVM Parish**—plan is to have a quarterly blood drive here. The date of the first one is Saturday, July 25, from 9-1:30 in Marian Hall. Versiti will bring everything needed, but we may wish to have people donate time, treats, etc.

**Information and Enrollment for those Wishing to Learn about and Wear Brown Scapulars**—Enrollment will be July 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. Pat Obernberger has information for interested parishioners.

**Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting Date**—Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Brueggen