

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

OPENING PRAYER – Father Peter Meyer

Present via zoom: Annamae Elliott, Ken Gallipeau, Deana Pfanner Groves, Dan Lauzon, Father Peter Meyer, Iris Miltenburg, Barb Vodicka and Debbie Yutzi

Absent: Frank McGuire

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Dan Lauzon and seconded by Iris Miltenburg

BUSINESS

1. The Synod deadline for sending the input from the parish to our diocese has been extended to March 31st. Father Peter will be arranging opportunity for people to attend groups to discuss and answer the questions outlined by the church. The church is especially interested in listening to the input from women, young people and those who feel marginalized in the church. People also have the choice of participating individually by accessing the Diocese of Hamilton website “Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission Survey.” This information will also be posted on our church website.
2. Sacramental Preparation – Update by Iris Miltenburg

There have been no school visits and our December Advent Mass was cancelled due to having Covid 19 in the school. I am hoping to be part of the Palm Burning liturgy on February 28, 2022. A Zoom Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 and the classes will begin February 24th via Zoom for four Thursday evening beginning February 14th. First Reconciliation is Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 pm. First Communion classes will begin April 7th (hopefully in person). First Communion date is set for Sunday, May 15th at 11:15 a.m. Confirmation is set for Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m. Classes will begin after March break, again hopefully in person. I am looking forward to this preparation time with the young people of our parish. I have been attending the Family Speaker series on the Year of Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love). The first three evenings were presented by Bishop Wayne Lobsinger and Teresa Hartnett. Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis Amoris Laetitia which was called The Joy and Struggles of Family. The next speaker is on February 16th, the Witness of Faith in the Home. All information is on the Diocesan website. There is a new book by Teresa Hartnet and her daughter Catherine Hartnet called “A Nighttime Devotional for Teen Girls” which may be of interest to some. Information available on the Diocesan website.

3. C.W.L. Report – Update by Barb Vodicka

January and February are quiet months for us with no in person meetings scheduled (even if we could!). In December, we held nominations for our Executive and I'm happy

to say all have returned except 1. We thank Kathy Ziegler for being our recording secretary and Holly Chiarelli was elected as her replacement. We have a few openings if anyone is interested! Vice President or President Elect anyone? I would love to mentor you in either of these roles. Please let Barb know if you would be willing to step in! World Day of Prayer is coming up on March 4, 2022. Next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8th with Mass at 7:05 p.m., Installation of Officers then General Meeting in the hall. We have a motion to vote on so require an in person quorum of at least 8 people in order to pass the motion. Please plan on attending if able.

4. Knights of Columbus Report - Update by Frank McGuire

The Knights had a very successful Fish Fry and are looking at running a couple of other dinners. We had to cancel our Memorial Mass but we are going to set up a new date to hold the Mass. Once again I would like to thank everyone who supported our Fish Fry.

5. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. the beginning of . There will be a School Mass and a Parish Mass - see bulletin for Mass times.

6. Easter schedule has not yet been determined but schedule and information will be in the bulletin.

7. Garden Party:

Friday, September 16th of this year is the date for our Garden Party, but on a smaller scale from past garden parties. Food trucks will be available for food and activities will be outside as much as possible. As plans progress more information will be made available.

8. Covid Discussion: Changes will be made according to directions from the Diocese and the government. Changes from the diocese no longer include contact tracing. People will no longer have to sign in when visiting the church or office.

9. Father Peter would like to have a youth representative on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please see Father or contact the Parish Office. Parishioners can also encourage a young person to participate on our Parish Pastoral Council.

10. Barb Vodicka will be forming a Food Truck Committee to help out with the work involved such as setting up tables, cleaning, etc. on a rotating schedule. She will also be connecting with the other churches regarding this year's schedule.

CLOSING PRAYER - Iris Miltenburg

NEXT MEETING - April 5th, 2022 after Mass