

**St. Gregory Parish
Pastoral Council
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Approved Minutes**

Present: Father Bill Brunner, Rita Steffen, Christine Schoenberger, Melissa Frost, Patty Wilhelm, Deacon Gary Wilhelm, Jean Blattner, Theresa Zimmermann, Tre Waldren and Connie Bell

Absent: Allen Dietrich

Opening Prayer: Deacon Gary led the opening prayer at 7:08 PM.

Reading of February Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes. Motioned to approve as amended by Jean Blattner and seconded by Theresa Zimmermann. February minutes approved.

Committee Reports were presented and reviewed:

Finance Council report: No report

Faith Formation (submitted by Patty Wilhelm)

- April Home Packet - dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It included Lectio Divina activities as well as those for Easter and Pentecost.
- A Lenten Family Event was held on March 29. Families shared a meal and then learned about celebrating the Triduum.
- Our last class of the year will culminate with Mass on Wednesday, May 3.
- Cards will be sent to the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity who have been writing notes of encouragement to our families throughout the year. The sisters will also be invited to our closing Mass.
- First Communion will be celebrated at the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, May 7 at Holy Trinity.
- RCIA – Sullivan, Brielle, and Eila Koenig will continue with classes until Pentecost.
- Motion to approve by Melissa Frost, seconded by Theresa Zimmermann

Outreach (submitted by Melissa Frost)

St. Gregory Caring Hearts & Hands

- Working on 1st Holy Communicants' gifts
- Working on Mother's Day gifts
- Motion to approve by Jean Blattner, seconded by Connie Bell

Nursing Home Visitors: No report

Homebound: No report

Worship (submitted by Rita Steffen)

- The first of four Ministry Trainings took place Saturday at Holy Trinity. This first session was for altar servers. Additional training are scheduled later this month and in May.
- A Joint Liturgy Meeting is scheduled April 25 to review/evaluate Lent & Easter events and liturgies.
- Motioned to approve by Theresa Zimmermann, seconded by Jean Blattner

Buildings and Grounds (submitted by Allen Dietrich)

Completed Projects:

Active projects:

- Boiler #3. Start-up faults were beyond excessive on 4/4/23, so #4 was set up as the lead boiler for the rest of the season.

- Electrical supply to cafeteria. No action taken on this item.
- A more comprehensive boiler replacement quote was received from Mannenbach Mechanical of Kiel, as well as one from Ahern in Appleton. The B and G committee is investigating the various boiler manufacturers that were submitted in the quotes. (All four quotes presented different boiler manufacturers.) Additionally, they are completing a line-by-line comparison of what is included in the quotes.
- Leaking east windows. It is believed that part of the solution to the rain getting in will involve removal of the interior trim boards, sealing and caulking all visible joints behind the trim boards, and then replacing the trim. Some of the boards are rotten or discolored and will be replaced with new as needed. It is hoped this project can be accomplished by Parish volunteers with costs only for materials.
- A roof inspection for the PC and Gym is planned for this spring by Ristow.
- Motioned to approve by Connie Bell, seconded by Melissa Frost

Old Business: None

New Business:

Feedback on Holy Week – Discussed possibly having Mass before stations on Wed. Morning Mass on Wed. during Lent would be canceled if Mass is held before stations. Also discussed possibly having a Good Friday service in the evening to accommodate people who work during the day and cannot get off work. An afternoon service may also be offered.

Parish Mission 2024 – Will look at having in 2025 instead of 2024. At this time, council members should try to attend other parish missions to get ideas for 2025.

Caring Hearts and Hands Looking for a Volunteer – Caring Hearts and Hands are currently meeting and greeting new families to the parish. An additional volunteer is needed to meet and greet a new family. Theresa, Jean along with Fr. Bill have volunteered to meet with the new family.

Parish Fee Updates – Parish fees have been updated to align with the diocese.

Preview of 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget – The budget was reviewed and discussed. At this time, the budget looks good.

Pastoral Letter – Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Rediscovering the Power and the Beauty of the Mass – Christine presented.

Boiler Update – Father will inform parishioners at weekend Masses in the near future about the parish center & church boiler needs. His announcement will be followed by the mailing of a letter to all parish members. It was suggested the letter also be emailed and shared in the bulletin. Council members provided feedback on the draft that Father Bill presented.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 PM.

Closing Prayer: Father Bill led the closing prayer at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Bell