**St. Ursula Pastoral Council Meeting**

***Our Mission: At St. Ursula Catholic Community we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ through Eucharistic worship, prayer, and service.***

***Our Vision: That all members of our Catholic Community become intentional***

***​disciples of Jesus Christ.***

**February 21, 2022**

**ATTENDEES**

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| Fr. Jason Worley | Sr. Joan Kelly |
| Jeff Breighner | Tom Flynn |
| Colleen Hamilton | Shannon Schoelkopf |
| Nicole Dyer | Bernie Miller |
| Tracy Mitchell | Bill Kreidler |
| Linda Frazier | Shelley Commodari |
| Katie Campbell |  |
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**ABSENT:**  Mark Appleby & Nancy Webb - excused

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION**

Father Jason opened the meeting with a prayer. The November meeting notes were approved.

**ABLAZE Discussion**:

Bernie needs an update on ministries to get the mission statement and vision rolled out. Shannon and Sr. Joan will help with getting the list of ministries together by March 7th. Once the list is compiled Bernie will submit to The Council to approve. All the ministries should have the mission statement and vision statement on all communications that go out from their ministries.

Mission Statement & Vision – how do we communicate with parishioners?

* In the weekly bulletin
* Create a bulletin board
* QR code to read more about it

**Discussion: PRAYER** - March Council Meeting we will focus on prayer - what role it plays in your personal life and what it looks like for us

* **Pray for our council, Fr. Jason and our parish and pray for each other - PRAYER IS IMPORTANT**
* Pastoral Council should be well represented at adoration as a group – First Fridays
* Pray for each other
* Different types of prayer
* Small prayer groups
* Prayer is how we change our parish
* God put us here for a reason, we need his help, pray for His guidance
* What thoughts came to you when you pray – what should we be praying about

ABLAZE future discussions will be on Paradigm Shifts and Appendixes

**Council Retreat:**

* Fr. Jason is working on the retreat for early spring, after Easter
* Talking with Kellie Reynolds
  + St. Stevens Bradshaw Parish Council for 20 years
* Possible location St. Ignacia’s Hickory

**Future Council Agendas:**

* Committee reports will be submitted by the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please read them prior to the Council Meeting.
* No more committee reports during the meeting except financials and mass attendance –
  + Only discussion on new things that have come up or events

**Committee Reports**:

Liturgy Committee – No report.

Faith Formation – Bernie Miller reported Tanya is the big news! Tanya is working on personal invites to create a core group and creating a small group for teens. We had 13 couples in Pre Cana. RCIA 1st Sunday of Lent – retreat coming up. New Scripture studies – No Greater Love.

Hospitality – Shelley Commodari reported that things are picking up as COVID is dying down. They are planning for the anniversary mass first Sunday of the month. Stations of the Cross Soup and Salad -Pastoral Council will host March 4th & Hospitality Committee will host April 1st. Seasoned seniors is going well – 2nd Thursday of the month (usually) this month March 10th lunch- continuing on now that

Service Committee – Sr. Joan reported Barb is running the Third Friday luncheon and she will meet with her to discuss fall activities. Working on a Spring Break event. Sr. Joan encouraged us to stop by St. Vincent De Paul – to see them handing out food – wonderful spirit and it reflects on the parish.

PHSA – Shannon reported it we need to coordinate fundraising more with the school. They want to do a donut fundraiser on May 1st – food truck and you buy donuts –extended to the parish – host at noon after 11 pass in the church parking log. Also doing a St. Patrick’s Day raffle with a Yeti cooler give-away and a fundraiser last weekend of march – easter cookie decorating kit. Race for education in May.

School Board – nothing reported.

Facilities – Bernie – we need to start looking at the spiritual center, it needs to be professionally cleaned including the plastic chairs. (Parishioner Danny has a cleaning company) Blown speakers – can’t hook up DVDs. We need recommendations for people to invite to be a part of the facilities core group besides Mark & John.

Finance Committee – Katie Campbell reported that things are good, we’re in the black but the offertory, including electronic giving, is still below budget despite being decreased the past two years. Expenses are well controlled. Net operating income runs at a -$7K variance – long term concern. We want to bump the AC down or remove off faith direct – that has been closed – replace with the roof and the stonework. Katie will talk with Mark about capital expenses. Bill & Colleen – THANK YOU! We made over $6K for the church on the raffle fund raiser.

Mass Updates – Attendance varies – not a shift because of masks – the weather plays a factor = events drives attendance- youth band, scouts – if we want more people in the pews we have to invite people to mass. No averages because it’s all over the place

Fundraising – The past two fundraisers raised over $10K for the church! Sweetheart 50/50 raised $6,120.00. Next drawing should be held in the evening to draw a bigger crowd. Prayer labyrinth – She and Tanya had a meeting with Nature Sacred – they have a meeting this month to discuss who gets chosen for funding. They will send a landscape architect to come survey the land. Chesapeake can help with the labyrinth and perhaps the erosion of the parking lot. The Remembrance Society – Colleen notes that she and Bill's original plan for the Remembrance Society was ready for roll out in October but after a discussion with the Council and Sr. Joan's suggestion for a committee was mentioned no further work has been done on this fundraising idea. 85th anniversary of the parish in June – involve every group in the parish – alumni of school, school, church – we need a committee of 10-12 – announce at school and the church

* We need to figure it out first – what are we going to do?
* September date?
* Research to see what other parishes have done
* Katie, Sr Joan and Fr Jason, Shelley will meet before next meeting to discuss

2nd Sat in September – Parkville fair – it’s an election year so it will be bigger – get the public officials to do dunk tank.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

* Soup salad stations – parish council 1st one and we should all be present
* We need our mission statement displayed
* Synod – Laura is working on the listening sessions – The council should host one- we need 3-4 parish council members to sponsor – discuss next council meeting.

Father Jason closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting was adjourned and ended at 9:00 PM.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

* Pray for us – Fr. Jason, our council, our parish
* Catalogue all parish groups/activities: Sr. Joan will work with Shannon
* Promote the new Mission Statement and Vision
* Plan for 85th Anniversary of The Church
* We need recommendations to help Mark with the facilities committee
* Fr Jason will confirm place for retreat

Submitted By:

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