

## St. Athanasius Pastoral Council Minutes September 6, 2023

**Attendance:** Tony Genettee, Terri Koehler, Marlene Moll, Ed Neary, Fr. Portelli [Zoom], Carleen Short.

**Opening Prayer:** 4:05 pm; Fr. Portelli.

**July Minutes:** Motion to approve as written, Terri Kohler; Second, Ed Neary.

**New Pastoral Council Member:** Ed Neary.

### Commission Reports:

**Finance:** George Short

- Parking lot [\$7,705] and sidewalks [\$15,000] are completed;
- Four (4) more handicap spaces are required;
- Parking adjacent to Broad St. requires striping;
- Gamble's need to be contacted about de-icer for sidewalks;
- Next project: Cemetery building roof repair;
- Upcoming Finance meeting: Thursday am, October 26;
- Non Profit meeting: Thursday pm, October 26;

**Knights of Columbus:** George Short

- Seminarian Fund Raiser - Hot dog luncheon following Mass, August 6, 2023.
  - Four checks were cut for \$510, for each seminarian.
- Fundraisers and Disbursements:
  - September:
    - Hot dog sale at Witbeck's.
    - Casino Bus Trip, already filled;
    - Tootsie Roll sale:
      - Proceeds: 80% to RESD; 20% to Special Olympic;
  - \$250: VFW Flag Poles;
  - \$750: Boots for Kids in need in the community, through the schools (Farwell & Larson);
  - \$500 Coats for kids.
- Other: To date, Michigan Knights of Columbus councils have placed 87 ultrasound machines throughout the state..

**Anna J Guild:** Marlene Moll

- Basket Raffle completed: no total at this time.
- Total should be announced at the next Tuesday meeting: September 12;
- Cookie Walk is planned for November.

**Faith Formation:** Terri Kohler

- A Library Reading area is set aside in the Social Hall;
- First Family Faith Formation kickoff: September 10, following Mass, at Harrison City Park;
- Plans are moving forward for development of a Youth Activities program;
- The first Small Group will begin meeting at STA, in October, every other Thursday evening.
- November 8, Stuff the Bus: Right to Life rally and march in Lansing.

**Christian Service:** Terri Kohler

- Ongoing Activities:
  - Card sales: including at SHP.
    - SHP sold \$10 over two months;
    - A bulletin blurb was suggested to bump up sales at SHP;
    - Father suggested that the Recycle Card Basket at SHP needs to be off of the floor.
  - Bottles & Cans;
  - Direct your Labels; collection has been slow to date.
- Upcoming Activities:
  - October Right to Life Month
    - Shower for Baby Pantry;
    - Baby Bottle Donation;
  - Father added:
    - The parishes would be sponsoring a table for Joshua House dinner September 21, 2023;
    - Joshua's House Clare is searching for a location to open a house in Gladwin. A temporary solution may be the SHP Activity Center.
  - November:
    - Angel Tree
      - Chairs: Christine Smith & Rosie Sprague.
    - No Trunk or Treat this year due to cost and number of other activities parishioners will be asked to support;
      - Members discussed pros and cons;
    - No Harvest Dinner this year.

**Old Business:**

- Street Fair: Reported to be well attended. Terri, Father, and other members reported positive evangelization experiences;
- Marlene asked if a decision had been made about moving choir robes to cut down on congestion at the junction of the hallway and access to the restrooms.
  - Father would discuss possible solutions with Hank Brown.

**New Business:**

- A question of parish visibility was raised and discussed. One possibility: new signage.
- Father's input.
  - Marquee style: scrolling, red LEDs;
  - Select a location with visibility from more than one direction;
  - Evaluate potential for vandalism;
  - Diocesan approval.
  
- Father Portelli:
  - To refresh website; photos taken during Mass are needed;
  - Diocesan Publication: Evangelist demonstration for staff (replacing Flocknote);
    - Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 1:15 pm.
  - Thanks to Knights of Columbus sponsorship (STA \$200), Christmas books have been ordered:
    - Dynamic Catholic;
    - No shipping cost.
  - Due to the Knights sponsorship of the Christmas books at STA and SHP, subscription to Formed will continue for another year.
    - Analytics, however, point to a need for expanding its use in both parishes.

**Next Meeting:** To Be Determined. (Father recommended that Tony contact John Cantalin at SHP about possible dates.)

**Closing Prayer:** Members, 6:52 pm.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Carleen Short.