

SHP Pastoral Council Minutes – Draft June 21, 2022

On Site meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Opening prayer by Fr. Portelli.

Members Present: Fr. Portelli, Dave Poxon, Melissa Esiline, John Lariviere, Mark Harris, John Coleman, John Cantalin, Rene Benser-Swanstra and Dave Greaves.

Excused: Kathy Kazanski.

Reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 8th Meeting.

Updates:

- Realignment of Member terms
 - Dave reviewed the current Pastoral Council members “service dates” and “expected term lengths”. The updated member spreadsheet was attached to the agenda.

- K of C Status
 - Mark reported that the June 10th Fish Fry sold 348 dinners and generated almost \$900 in donations for Gladwin Right to Life.
 - The July 8th Fish Fry is scheduled to benefit the Gladwin & Beaverton Backpack Food Program.

- Church Security
 - The “(St. Athanasius) “Pastoral Council Feedback on Church Security (handout)” communication, regarding their review of Father Portelli’s comments on possible actions to be taken to enhance site security.
 - At tonight’s meeting Father reviewed “monitoring” possibilities at the SHP campus. Internet “WiFi” is not currently available in the Church Building without incurring some “cost” – either monthly service paid to Spectrum, or at least, purchase additional equipment to extend the current internet coverage to the Church Building.
 - The discussion then turned to “Security Enhancement” **during** weekend services...
 - Previous Security reviews have strongly suggested that the “first thing” that should be done...immediately...is to LOCK CHURCH ENTRANCE DOORS DURINIG CHURCH SERVICES.
 - While the doors can never be “locked” (from the inside)...locking the doors to prevent access to the Church from the outside after the start of Mass.
 - It was decided that for SHP, Father will proceed with a plan inform the congregation prior to implementation. More to follow...

- Feedback – Joe Strong Presentation (May 2022)
 - Dave P. reported that Jill has contacted Carol Thomas, who is a local Elder Law Specialist. It is anticipated that in the future, Ms. Thomas could make a presentation regarding possible bequeathment to the Church, Wills, Estates, and Elder Care in general.

- Judge Shaffer Advised Fund for Sacred Heart – Update
 - Dave P. reported that last year a \$30,000 grant from the fund was awarded toward the purchase of ~ 800 Pr. of Athletic Shoes and ~ 300 Pr. of Athletic Socks for Beaverton/Gladwin children. Future grants are currently being considered for the “Gladwin Community Service Corporation, Council on Aging”, and,” Helping Hands of America” located in Beaverton.

- DMI (Disciple Maker Index) Update – We discussed the Trent Horn presentation on “Why People Leave the Church”. The main “takeaway” was that, generally, the more introduction, exposure, education, and reinforcement of, and to, the Faith in youth (usually through intimate Family involvement) leads to a greater dedication to lifelong participation in the Catholic Church.

- Gladwin County Fair – the Gladwin County Fair this year is from July 11th through July 16th. SHP is planning on sponsoring a Booth. Fr. recommended the Pastoral Council try to step up and participate as much as possible. We hope to have at least 2 people in the booth for each of the available 2 hour “slots”. A “Booth Duty” sheet will be available for review and signup after weekend Masses. John Lariviere will work with Tom Winarski in coordinating the signup sheet.

- The Church building will be closed from July 11th through July 15th – with scheduled Masses being held in the Activities Building, Dining Area that week. This closure is necessary as repairs are made to some of the “Renovation” drywall.

- The next Parish council Meeting is scheduled for July 12th , at 6:20pm, in the Parish Center.

Closing Prayer at 8:00 pm.

Recording Minutes: John Cantalin and Dave Poxon

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