

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

March 12, 2024; 6pm in the Hall

We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a

Christ-centered community;

Committed to worship the Father;

Committed to respond to the Spirit's gifts;

Committed to loving service to all God's people.



1. Opening Prayer (Father Paul)

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- To Rory Issac and Recovery Point WV for the very successful benefit concert on Feb 24th
- To Rory Issac for his personal vision on the concert, his ability to make it happen, and professional singing.
- To Molly, Father Paul, Father Bill, and Father John for their assistance, organization, and participation on all the recent panels
- To Karen Lewia for her painting the office rooms
- To Missy Summey for all her dedicated service to the Eucharistic Minister and Ministry to the homebound for over 11 years
- To Terry Mathias for taking on the lead role to the Eucharistic Minister ministry
- To Father Paul and staff for putting together the recent group outing and fellowship to the Cabrini movie
- To the whole parish for support on the hygiene kits. Over 200 kits were delivered
- For the youth group who assembled the hygiene kits
- To all those who have helped organize and participate in the Stations of the Cross as well as the music

3. Carryover Topics

● Update on Garden Project

1. A document summarizing the grant writing process will be attached to these notes. It details the garden project, why it is a good time to begin the project, who it serves, why it is needed, and also gives (2) conceptual drawings on the garden.
2. The first stage of the process is the application and submittal of two grants – expected time to hear back is 2-3 months
3. Donations for this project have also been received
4. The first part of the project will be the assembly of and placement of the

community vegetable garden (multiple volunteer and service opportunities for the parish and beyond)

5. Focus on initial water source to water the garden beds
 6. Heart in Hand providing guidance on what to plant
- Easter Vigil Reception
 1. The subcommittee will meet Sunday 3.17.24
 2. Sign up sheet is in the hall
 3. A budget of \$1000 has been established, combining internal parish and external food
 4. Cut off for singing up is Palm Sunday
 - Small Faith Gatherings
 1. This topic has been pushed to the April Meeting
 2. We will examine survey results in between the March and April meetings
 - New Pictorial Directory Discuss Updates
 1. Mike Switzer has set dates for pictures, starting late April/early May
 2. Choice will be offered to keep the picture from the last directory or get a new one.
 3. Tie into the above survey which will update family information, email addresses, current ministries, talents, and skills
 4. Phillip M taking pictures at recent events showing the life of the parish
 - Update on next PC member nomination committee
 1. Nomination forms in the parish hall as well as in the bulletin
 2. Announcements will be made at each Mass by various PC member the week of 3/17 and 3/24
 3. Cut off for the process is 3/31
 4. Looking for a minimum of and a maximum of 6 new PC members
 - Update on Evangelization Topic from January
 1. Subcommittee formed on this topic
 2. First application will be for the upcoming Vacation Bible School
 3. Approach designates the Role of Sponsor (assures that is aligned with the Parish Mission, provides necessary support (resources, budge, guidance)
 4. Establishes the role of the Champion(s) who will serve as the primary advocate of the project, communicates the process to the parish, and helps remove any obstacles to success.

5. Establishes the role of Project Lead who will oversee and manage the project ensuring completion of objectives in time, within budget, and with the desired results.
6. The Objectives will be to establish outreach within the parish and local community as well as promote active volunteerism and engagement
7. These concepts will be employed for the Vacation Bible School taking place this June

4. General Parishioner Concerns

1. No specific concerns were brought to the council's attention this month

5. Staff Concerns

- Recent audit by independent third party conducted how well the Parish is performing on Fulfilling a Safe Child Environment
 1. The auditing group was conducted by Stoneridge of Rochester, NY and is affiliated with the Catholic Conference of Bishops and the Diocese
 2. Focused on how to become trained, learn diocese policies, and the fostered parish environment
 3. The audit went well and was a positive experience
 4. Comments were made on the large amount of Vertus volunteers the parish had
 5. Findings will be reported to the Safe Environment Office of the Bishop. Will include findings and recommendations All information to be share
- Good success with recent adult formation groups, strong participation in the Saturday Men's Bible Sharing (participants from as far away as Alaska and China as well as the Wednesday Bible Sharing
- Recent success of the various panels (the recent Rome document, Rabbi Eurecki, Lent, and Ramadan)
- We are awaiting assignment on our (2) Deacon candidates – discussions on roles and participation with the liturgy committee are ongoing

Next Meeting April 9th at 6pm

April Prayer – Ann Dever

6. Closing Prayer (Father Paul)

Attendance:

Jackson, Liz, Father Paul, Jack & Ann Dever, Molly L, Terry, Charlie, Chip, Mike G, Matt Davis, Phillip, Mary Odin, David Lewia, Natalie