

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 27, 2021

Present: Father Joe, Ellen Cole, David Wohlmuth, Larry Ghirardi, Mike Rafferty, Erica Zapatka, Kathy Burton, Dorothy Paine, Ron Paine, Bill Thomas, Louise Young, Richard Torrenti, Jean Wilczynski

1. Opening prayer
2. Diocesan Guidelines and Bylaws
Ron read from the Diocese of Norwich Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils
We ask that members bring their gifts to the council and the parish
Ellen had a question about trustees / ex-officio members. They are welcome to meetings (even closed meetings) but are not voting members. We're returning to broader parishioner participation
Parish employees are nonvoting members because their paid role may be to implement some of the policies.
Bill had a question about the committees. Each committee will come up with who they would like to be chair. The idea is for at least one pastoral council member to be on each committee.
Ellen asked about the guideline that the council members' terms end with a new pastor.
The diocese says you have to have a finance committee but you do not need to have a pastoral council.
3. Election of Officers
Mike Rafferty moves to nominate a chair. He moves to nominate Ron. Ellen seconds.
Ron will accept if everyone here believes he is right for the committee
Erica moves to nominate Kathy Burton as vice chair. Mike Rafferty seconds.
Kathy Burton nominates Erica and Dorothy seconds.
 - a. Chairman: Ron Paine
 - b. Vice Chairman: Kathy Burton
 - c. Another member of the executive committee: Erica Zapatka
 - d. Secretary: Lauren Girasoli and David Wohlmuth
4. Meeting Schedule
 - a. Bylaws suggest a monthly schedule or by the pastor's requirements
 - b. Mondays as a good day
 - c. Evening is better than afternoon
 - d. Earlier in the month is better
 - e. First Monday of the month
5. Committee Discussion / Assignments
Which ministries are still active and which are defunct?
Once we get into committee work, the committees can discuss which ministries may fall under their umbrella
We would hope that representatives from each of the ministries would be a part of the committee or in communication with the committee.

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Committees should meet frequently enough to do their work but at a minimum of twice a year. There could be some more specificity in the description of what each committee does and then a campaign to get more people involved.

This would be a system so the pastoral council is more aware of what is going on

We discussed organizing a ministry fair to bring in more people and revitalize ministries that have gone defunct

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Rosary
- Pro-Life
- Refugee
- Walking with Purpose
- Men's Club

How do we effectively get this done without necessarily having a meeting? We need to set deadlines and seek volunteers

- Send out the list tonight
- We need someone who can connect with the ministries we already have—Ellen
- We need someone to plan out how it's going to look—wrangle
- We need someone to coordinate the logistics of this (should each committee provide a poster, a person to stand there, etc.
- We need someone to handle how do we set up groups that may be defunct right now.
- Erica will give a poster board template to each group
- Share out information about the process of starting a ministry. They can contact Fr. Joe

November 6/7 is the ministry fair (Between the masses and after the 5 p.m.)

There needs to be an email, something said during masses ahead of time, something on the website, bulletin.

Announce it in mass on October 16 and 17

Larry and David—Saturday at 5

Erica—Sunday at 8

Lauren—Sunday at 10:30

- a. Liturgy, Spirituality, and Christian Service: David, Larry, Erica, Kathy
- b. Education: David, Mike, Erica, Lauren
- c. Parish Life and Stewardship: Kathy, Dorothy
- d. Property Management: Mike, Larry, Ron
- e. Communications: Ellen, Erica, Dorothy

6. Next Meeting Dates: November 1, December 6.