**Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Good Shepherd Catholic Community**

**Thursday, 18 Jan 2024**

**Opening Prayer:**  A prayer for Christian Unity

**Call to Order:** 7:05pm, Movement to begin by Fr.Bill Moorby, Second by Lori Kupiec

**In attendance:** Fr. Bill Moorby, Tom Steger, Paul Nelson, Jim Orman, Lori Kupiec, Joe Gagnon

**Minutes from 16 Nov 2023 meeting:**

* Suggested changes:
  + None
* Movement to accept changes by Paul Nelson, Second by Joe Gagnon, all in favor.

**Pastor’s Remarks:**

* Parish Finances are looking good thanks to a large bequest from Johan Lehtonen’s estate.
* 3 AEDs are being installed by the building and grounds committee
* Training for use of the AEDs needs to be set up
* Meeting on Tuesday 23 Jan 2024 with Deacon Dennis Donavan to discuss establishing a Youth Program for the parish
* Spanish masses are continuing successfully (~3 weekends per month)
  + At Our Lady of the Lake on 3rd Saturday of the month
  + Two other spanish masses are scheduled each month in the region.
* Epiphany Party had a good turnout even with rescheduling and weather
* Feb 22nd the bishop has called for a day of penance
  + Times for each church to be scheduled
* Christmas Mass
  + Positive response to the children’s pageant
  + Good crowd/attendance for Aurora’s tree lighting and caroling
  + Similar attendance to Christmas masses as last year ~299

**Old Business:**

* Council member bios posted on website
  + Still need bios for Jim, Cathleen, Lori and Nora
  + Posting bios in bulletin?
    - Possibly smaller synopsis or added insert
* Google Drive Shared Folder
  + All members have been able to access in
* Minute approval process
  + Will continue to post minutes within 48hrs to the shared google drive
  + Email will be sent to members when ready for review, with a copy of the minutes attached for review
  + Email motion for approval
* GSCC Google calendar is up and running on the website
  + To add events parishioners can contact Paul (his email is listed on the calendar page)
  + Suggested adding a note to mass announcements to bring attention to the Google calendar
* 150th anniversary mass date is set for August 18th, exact time to be determined.
  + Possible time: 12 (noon) to allow for celebration/gathering afterward
  + Other anniversary related activities to be decided

**New Business:**

* Lent/Holy Week/Easter Schedule
  + Moravia hosted last year’s vigil
  + Typically rotates on a 3 year cycle
  + Our Lady of the Lake is scheduled to host the vigil this year
  + Other masses/locations to be scheduled
  + Fr. Bill is looking for another priest to help with Easter services.
* Interest in setting up a youth event and/or activity for Easter week
  + Rice bowls?
  + “Take and Make” activity and craft
  + To be hopefully decided by Ash Wednesday (14 Feb)

**Other items of thoughts:**

None

**Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 15th, 2024**

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:45pm, Call to adjourn by Joe Gagnon, Seconded by Lori Kupiec

**Meeting Closed with a prayer for respect of life**