**Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Good Shepherd Catholic Community**

**Thursday, 16 Nov 2023**

**Opening Prayer:**  A prayer for the people of the Holy Land

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm, Movement to begin by Joe Gagnon, Second by Tom Steger

**In attendance:** Fr. Bill Moorby, Tom Steger, Paul Nelson, Jim Orman, Cathleen Sheils, Nora Burroughs, Joe Gagnon

**Minutes from 19 Oct 2023 meeting:**

* Suggested changes:
  + Correction from “Lecturers” to Lectors
  + Update reference to Eucharistic Minister to more proper terminology, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
* Movement to accept changes by Paul Nelson, Second by Jim Orman, all in favor.

**Pastor’s Remarks:**

* CMA 2023/2024 update
  + $41,000 (64%) as of 9 Nov 2023
  + Comparable pace of receiving responses to previous years
* AED update
  + 3 AEDs received and to be installed in Aurora, Union Springs and King Ferry (Moravia currently has one)
  + Suggestion was made to have organized training for parish members in all GSCC locations.
* 150th Anniversary
  + Fr. Moorby has inquired as to having Bishop Matano celebrate a mass next year to commemorate the anniversary and is awaiting response.

**Old Business:**

* Several Pastoral Council member bios have been posted to the GSCC website. Remaining bios will be posted once received by Paul.
* Suggested that member bios also be featured in the bulletin and on the GSCC Facebook page
* New Facebook group was created by Paul to facilitate conversation amongst parish members. Currently 33 parishioners have joined this group.
* A shared Google drive folder has been established for use by the Pastoral Council to better facilitate communication and updates in between meetings.
* Current goal is to upload draft minutes of council meetings to the Google drive within 48 hours of meeting, for review by council members. Revisions and approval can then be done digitally so finalized minutes can be uploaded to the GSCC website for public access prior to the next council meeting.
* GSCC Website updates:
  + Pastoral Council page added
  + Discussed adding historical information about the parish to the About page.
* Parish Life Group Meeting
  + No attendance or expressed interest from parishioners.
* Communication with worship sites regarding need for Altar servers, Ushers/Greeters, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
  + Fr. Moorby has included a call for volunteers in recent bulletins.
  + No response at this time.

**New Business:**

* Christmas season events:
  + Caroling in Aurora December 2nd @ 3:30 pm, Tree lighting at 4:00 pm
  + Children’s pageant proposed to start Early Christmas Eve service in Moravia. Need to locate pageant costumes and confirm musical accompaniment.
  + Giving trees; In recent years Aurora and Union Springs have requested Gift cards. Moravia’s tree historically is organized by the Altar Rosary Society.
* Epiphany Party:
  + Tentative date and time - 7 Jan 2024, social hour at 4pm, Dinner to follow (5pm?)
    - To be finalized and posted to worship sites in next few weeks.
  + Location needed (ideally within parish boundaries for easier travel)
  + Possible locations:
    - Dugan’s
    - Legion in Union Springs
    - VFW in Moravia
  + If Legion of VFW is used catering will be needed as well.
  + Additional planning and communication to be done via email/phone since event will occur prior to next Parish Council meeting (18 Jan 2024)

**Other items of thoughts:**

* Is there a way we can acknowledge and give thanks/recognition to parishioners that do extra to help the GSCC community?

**Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 18 Jan 2024**

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:11pm, Call to adjourn by Tom Steger, Seconded by Joe Gagnon

**Meeting Closed with pray**