

# **Church of the Good Shepherd**

## **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes–February 10, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Colella; Jim Bird: Brian Biggins; Deb Sokolak; Leah Ann Williams, Gary Salatino, Pat Miller, Marsha Garver, Fr. Glenn Whitman, Lauren DeFelice

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** DJ Puskar

**OPENING PRAYER:** said by all members.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** the 12/14/2024 minutes were approved

**FINANCE:** report submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- The finance committee agreed to the bid with Marett Carpet to replace the carpet on the altar at a cost of \$37,000. This will be CSA funded project
- Our CSA Goal will be unchanged for 2025
- Clergy data in our diocese was provided and continues to trend downward.
- Parish member data was provided, and our parish had a 23% increase in mass attendance from 2023-2024.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** report submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- All classes are busy preparing for the spaghetti dinner. The older kids will be working the event as servers. All classes are providing baskets for the raffle.
- The confirmation retreat was a success.
- Positive comments from a New Castle resident regarding our Religious Education program. Excellent job!
- First Reconciliation; March 29, 2025-9 students
- First Communion Retreat; April 5, 2025. First Communion Mass May 4, 2025-4 Students
- Confirmation Rite of Welcome; February 9, 2025. Confirmation Mass May 8, 2025 at St. Joes 7:00pm.
- OCIA/RCIA-1 Catechumen and 4 candidates.
- NEW-Valley Youth Ministry-Lead by Gabby Herndon, began on January 29 and follow up event on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** includes Brian Biggins and Pat Miller.

- Nothing to report.

**SOCIAL:** includes Jim Bird, Deb Sokolak, Marsha Garver and Leah Ann Williams.

- Spaghetti Dinner; February 16, 2025 from 11-3 in our social hall.
- Cookbook project is moving forward, now will start collecting recipes in March/April 2025 with sale to follow in June.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Coffee and donuts were a terrific success, thank you all for attending and for the generous donations.
- Food pantry continues to do wonderful things. Currently have 135 families enrolled and served 60 plus families at the distribution in February. Volunteer participation both within and outside the parish has been great and is appreciated.
- Gary has decided to use UHAUL when needed to transport food from the food bank to our parish. It will be much more cost effective to use a UHAUL rental at a cost of 20-25 per day rather than purchasing a trailer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- February 13<sup>th</sup>; Meatball rolling with John Moroco. Fully staffed!
- February 15<sup>th</sup>; Spaghetti dinner set up and sauce making at 9:00 am in the social hall.
- February 16<sup>th</sup>; Spaghetti dinner from 11:00-3:00 in the social hall.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> next Food Pantry Distrubution from 3:00-4:30, there will also be ribbon cutting to celebrate 1 year as distribution center for Mercer County Food Bank all are welcome to attend.
- Spring Wine and Cheese scheduled for April 26, 2025 after 6:00 mass in the social hall. Marsha Garver to chair this event.

**ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA:** none to report.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** none to report

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 7th at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall Meeting Room.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** said by all members and guests.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- February 16, 2025, Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- February 24-26, 2025, Parish Mission with Fr. Bob Gielow 6:30 pm.
- March 5, 2025, Food Pantry Distribution 3:00-4:30

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Miller – Parish Council Secretary