

Church of the Good Shepherd

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes–December 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Colella; DJ Puskar; Jim Bird; Brian Biggins; Pat Miller; Gary Salatino; Deb Sokolak; Leah Ann Williams, Marsha Garver

MEMBERS ABSENT:

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed), Fr. Glenn Whitman

OPENING PRAYER: said by all members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: the October 14, 2024, meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCE:

- Father Glenn will reach out to the finance committee to find a representative to be at future PPC meetings.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: report submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- Thanksgiving meals and cookies were distributed to 20 parishioners.
- Confirmation retreat was a success and enjoyed by all participants.
- Christmas program for the little kids will be on 12/22 at the 11:30 mass
- Adult education class had 20 participants for Women of the Old Testament.
- Parish mission will take place the week before Lent, Father Bob will return this year.
- Valley Youth Ministry was created by priests at St. Barts and Notre Dame. Created to help with community building in the valley, group projects, and service projects. We will look for ways for our kids to get involved.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: includes Brian Biggins and Pat Miller.

- Post-kitchen use clean up procedures to be developed.
- Speaker issue in the gathering space is resolved.
- Windows between the gathering space and church were cleaned. Thank you, Gary!
- Tree trimming will be handled in the spring.
- Sidewalks were repaired at the side entrances. Steps will be completed.
- Carpet estimate for the altar area was completed by Marret Carpets at a cost of \$42,000.

SOCIAL: Leah Ann Williams, Deb Sokolak, Mark Collela

- See Old and New Business

CORRESPONDENCE: none to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cabbage Roll sale was a success. 141 orders sold and \$1400 dollars donated to our Food Pantry
- Wine and Cheese event was a wonderful evening with over 80 parishoners in attendance.
- Food Pantry is currently serving 115 families. They will have a ham distribution on 12/12 for currently registered families only. Please note the new time for montly distributions will be from 3:00-4:30 on the first Wednesday of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Coffee and Donuts, Mark Collela chair, will be held on 1/5/2025 after the 9:00 mass in the social hall.
- Spaghetti Dinner, Leah Ann Williams chair, will be held on 2/16/2025.
- Soup Sale is tabled until next year.

ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA: none to report.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 10th, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall Meeting Room.

CLOSING PRAYER: said by all members and guests.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- First Wednesday of each month: West Middlesex / Shenango Township food distribution. 3:00-4:30, please note new time.
- Coffee and Donuts 1/5/2025 after 9:00 mass
- Annual Spaghetti Dinner 2/16/2025

Respectfully submitted by Patrick Miller– Parish Council Secretary