

Church of the Good Shepherd

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Minutes–August 13, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Glenn Whitman; Mark Colella; DJ Puskar; Mike Bartolo; Jim Bird; Brian Biggins; Deb Sokolak; Leah Ann Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Chovan; Pat Miller.

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS: Lauren DeFelice (Religious Ed).

OPENING PRAYER: said by all members.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: the June 10th, 2024 meeting minutes were approved.

LITURGY: comments submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- Nothing new to report.

FINANCE: comments submitted by Fr. Glenn:

- \$17,000 in scholarship was recently awarded to students attending college this year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: report submitted by Lauren DeFelice.

- The Church hosted the community's Vacation Bible School event this year, on July 15-July 19. 64 students participated during the week, with average nightly attendance of 50 children. 20 adult volunteers assisted, along with between 5 and 8 teens each evening.
- Religious education classes will resume Sunday, September 15; all catechists are returning.
- Hospitality committee invitations were mailed to newer parishioners. Informational meetings will be conducted on August 18th and August 20th in the Social Hall.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: includes Brian Biggins and Pat Miller.

- Replacing the carpeting in the Church sanctuary and adding digital signage were discussed and Fr. Glenn will submit a proposal to the Finance Committee for possible CSA funding.
- It was decided to table any plans for a pavilion on Church property.
- Results of the Evacuation meeting with Police Chief Jason Newton and Church ushers and greeters were summarized by Patrick Miller and are included on the Meeting Agenda.

SOCIAL: includes Jim Bird, Pat Chovan, Deb Sokolak and Leah Ann Williams.

- PPC elections will be conducted September 21st -22nd, 2024. Mark Colella, DJ Puskar and Mike Bartolo, none running for reelection, are the Election Committee. All PPC members will solicit candidates; all candidates MUST agree verbally to have their name included as a candidate for PPC. Nominations will be accepted thru Sunday, September 8th. Mark will draft an announcement of the election, to be included in the next several weekend bulletins and announced at each Mass, beginning Saturday, August 17th. Mark will request biographies and pictures of those parishioners interested in running for PPC. The Election Committee will conduct the election and maintain control of the vote counts.
- The annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 8th in the Social Hall. Jim Bird will chair the event and Leah Ann Williams will provide assistance. They will meet in August to discuss strategy and coordinate their plan to include PPC and parishioner assistance.

SOCIAL (continued):

- The Annual Charity Dinner, chaired by Deb Sokolak, will be held on Sunday, October 13th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Jeff Creveling will be the head chef. The menu has been decided and suppliers have been chosen. Starting the weekend of September 14/15, tickets will be sold at all Masses, in advance for \$12 presale, and for \$15 at the door on the day of the event. Mark Colella will write an announcement to be included in this weekend's bulletin. Beneficiaries will be decided by the Pastor. Sign-up sheets for parishioner assistance will be available at the Parish Picnic on September 8th.
- The Cabbage Roll takeout sale is scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd. Leah Ann Williams will coordinate this fundraiser.
- Cookbook interest is high, with about 125 people expressing interest in submitting recipes and/or purchasing the cookbook. Leah Ann Williams will chair this Winter, 2025 fundraiser.

CORRESPONDENCE: none to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed the possible sale of property owned by the Church on Rt. 318 in Shenango Township. Property has been cleared of standing timber. The recommendation is for Fr. Glenn to discuss with the Finance Committee to determine pricing and terms of sale.
- The Fall Wine and Cheese event (date, time and chair to be decided).
- A Soup Sale fundraiser will be held possibly in January (date, time and chair to be decided).
- It was discussed having the 2025 Parish Picnic on Saturday, September 6th after the 6:00 PM Mass. Fireworks might be included to celebrate Fr. Glenn's 50th anniversary in the priesthood.
- Becoming a "Partnered Parish" with Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) might mean we offer our facility to OLF for the production of their famous cavatelli. More on this later.

ITEMS TOO LATE FOR AGENDA: none to report.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 14th, 2024, 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
- 9.8.2024: Annual Parish Picnic (after the 11:30 AM Mass) in the Social Hall
- September 21-22, 2024: next Parish Pastoral Council elections
- 10.13.2024: Charity Dinner
- 10.14.2024: October PPC meeting – installation of new PPC members and election of officers
- 10.27.2024: Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (at the 11:30 AM Mass)
- 11.3.2024: Cabbage Roll sale (take-outs only)
- Date to be determined: Fall Wine & Cheese Event (after the 6:00 PM Mass)
- January, 2025 (tentative): Soup sale (take-outs only)
- February, 2025 (tentative): Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Respectfully submitted by Mike Bartolo – Parish Council Secretary