

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

5.15.24

Church of the Holy Spirit Gym

In Attendance: David Connolly, Rich Nigro, Mia Franko, Ron Zimmerman, Michael Nichols, Ann Simonson, Dr. Michael Long, Sal Giarizzo, Fr. Matt Wetsel

i. Opening Prayer

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm with prayer by Fr. Matt

ii. Review of Minutes from last meeting (held on 4.17.24)

Minutes Accepted by: Ron Zimmerman Accepts

Seconded by: David Connolly

All in Favor: Ay Ay Matey

iii. Old Business:

Review of Confirmation, First Communion Sunday,

Other Faith Formation-Related Events:

Bentley's first communion at Holy Trinity was nice.

The first communion at Holy Spirit went well, too – even though Mary was crowned before she was scheduled to. They were eager!

Trestan Lugo received his confirmation and first communion at the first communion Mass at Holy Spirit, too.

Confirmation was offered on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Auriesville Shrine. The night was beautiful!

It was noted that there was only one fully dressed Knight of Columbus present. Ron Zimmerman mentioned that the charter requirements from the Supreme Council require an expensive, updated uniform, which has been cost prohibitive for many knights.

iv. New Business:

Fun Fest – Next Planning Meeting (5.22.23 at Church of the Holy Spirit Gym, 6:30 pm)

v. Round Robin

Fr. Matt shared about the letter that was posted to the parish facebook pages and websites and will be sent home about when pastoral council meetings take place to encourage more participation from the community.

David Connolly: Suggested made about handing out bulletins after Mass instead of before. Clean-up at fun fest should be addressed in advance of the event.

Mike Nichols and Ann Simonson: A suggestion is to recommend every table provide at least one clean-up person for the fun fest.

Mia: Beverages likely require more clean-up than some of the other tables like pastries.

Can donors put donations in the collection basket for the fun fest?

Answer: Yes in an ear-marked envelope.

Michael Long: Perhaps there could be an advertisement in the bulletin for additional members needed for the pastoral council.

Discussion on how to increase more membership, including reaching out to more organizations within the parish to request representation

Mia: First communion posts could be posted on the shared faith formation facebook page to be more inclusive as opposed to the current format used where the posts were separated by parish. Fr. Matt suggested a both and.

Ann Simonson: Basket raffle for Breakaway Camp is done – raised about \$1,000 for scholarships.

Free will offering for Breakaway will be taken this upcoming weekend (May 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>)

Graduates Mass will be offered the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.

Ziti Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> , 4 pm – 6 pm at Holy Spirit for a Breakaway fundraiser.

- vi. Next Meeting : Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, 6:30 pm,  
Holy Trinity Church Hall

Closing Prayer: Fr. Matt – offered at 7:40 pm