

# HOLY CROSS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: March 3, 2024

Minutes approved: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Open with prayer: from Thomas Merton

Present: Matthew Tabone, Mike Stensland, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster, Kerry Mess, Betty O'Brien, Jen Spivey

Absent: Dana Mochoviak, Jenna Turner

- I. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (October, November, January) – want to get up on parish website!
  - A. October: approved
  - B. November: approved
  - C. January: approved
- II. Meeting Items
  - A. Quick clean up:
    1. Checking parish email – Do we have a need for this? We haven't been getting much mail. Need to announce at end of mass, so people know we have an email address and how to find/use it.  
[holycrossrcchurch@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossrcchurch@gmail.com); password: [IcandoallthingsthroughChrist](#) – Need to verify through Matthew's phone.  
Matthew is willing to check—we're not getting many emails but haven't announced it at mass. If others want to access, they can call/text Matthew for the authentication code (can set up device to remember, so we don't need a code again).  
Matthew checks the diocese email: [hcmorris@rcda.org](mailto:hcmorris@rcda.org)
    2. Report: Kerry has information from diocese about requirements/parameters for reviewing parish constitution and by-laws, has access to Diocesan Portal.  
Al Consullo from diocese sent support materials. Diocese told him Maureen went to diocese for closure. Meeting with diocese last fall went well; diocese was willing to see how next year will go.
  - B. What's next?
    1. Report on Lenten Fish & Chips Community Meal – Matthew and Jen
      - [Workers](#)  
We have enough people to move forward. Mike Stensland can get in for second half/end. Kerry can be here 4 or shortly after. Andrew Turner can help, before and after.
      - [Advertising](#)  
Kerry missed Pennysaver deadline for this Tuesday (3/5), will get in for next week.  
Kerry will look at sandwich board to get posterboard for putting up next week; need large print.  
Matthew will work on putting something on church signboard (we need new letters for the board!).

Marguerite will talk to Lois Jones about getting advertising on Firehouse sign.  
Flyer went to the Morris Area Christian Churches. Penny Harrington has already printed and posted.

- Supplies

Ask for people to donate desserts. Drop off downstairs during week of March 10; put in fridge if fresh-baked.

We will use cutlery from downstairs and Marguerite's.

**We will buy batter (for fish), oilbutter, salt/pepper, ketchup, lemon, coffee, milk, sugar, plates, cups, tablecloths, dish detergent, dish cloths (wash and dry), gloves for serving. [broccoli coleslaw: 4 12 oz. bags (48 ounces total), Napa cabbage: 3 head (48 ounces shredded), 4 20 oz. cans of unsweetened pineapple (80 ounces), 2 bunches scallions, 2 containers mayonnaise (four cups) – for coleslaw]**

Marguerite can provide sheet pans for keeping fish warm.

Marguerite will take care of tartar sauce.

Kerry and Jen will coordinate coleslaw. – Kerry makes for 20; Jen for 30

Matthew will make iced tea.

Kerry will donate napkins.

Matthew will take inventory this week and determine what we need to purchase. He will pick up fish and potatoes, etc. [Maine's of Binghamton]

Matthew will email the group for what we need.

Jen and Kerry will bring a crock pot; Kerry will bring water bath canner for potatoes.

\*\*Coffee needs to be put on an hour to 90 minutes ahead of time.

**Anonymous donor for expenses = \$350.00; don't have a set budget.**

**Quick check in after mass next Sunday.**

2. Contacting those who did not complete a survey

- a. Attending parishioners

- b. Nonattending parishioners

Best outreach = Fish & Chips.

Send email to parish list for Fish and Chips.

Have sign in list for meal; have surveys available along with jar for free will donations.

Proceeds from meal: put back into church (to reimburse for expenses), donate to

Caring Connections division of Catholic Charities – Kerry will contact for a brochure, information to have to introduce people.

3. Next steps for parish building

## New Business

### Financials

\$19,000 in bank

We owe diocese for second collections [sending for second collections plus what we should have sent; about \$1500 left to pay off].

Diocesan appeal is separate from weekly collections. This year goal = \$5,000. (Formula that looks at parish collections to see what we can afford to give.) Appeal starts July 1 and ends June 30 of following year.

[New rule: Minimum for parish = \$5,000]

Counters: Marguerite, Michele Birdsell (? – Mike will ask), Pat Kristofik (? – Marguerite will ask)

Aggie Huff is OK. Will be coming back to mass soon.

**Coffee hour: Sunday, March 10; Rosary: Sunday, March 17**

Next meeting: Sunday, April 14, in rectory