

Our Lady of Lourdes + St. Anne Pastoral Council

February 16, 2023

6:30 to 8:00 PM

St. Anne Social Hall

In attendance: Doug Doyle, Karen Gerew, Joe Haefner, Alana Nuth, Dennis Permoda, Deacon Rabjohn, Father Tyman, and Tom Walsh

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Council Membership (*this item was not present on the original agenda*)
 - a. Bob Dutt, a Council member representing St. Anne, has resigned from the Pastoral Council. The position will remain vacant until the start of a new term on July 1.
 - b. A total of five positions will have to be filled in the new term (effective July 1, 2023): two positions representing Our Lady of Lourdes and three positions representing St. Anne. Current members are welcome to renew their term which may fill some of these upcoming vacancies.
 - c. All new membership terms will be for three years.
 - d. Recruitment for new members will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting in March.
3. Celebration of Father Lawlor for the 60th anniversary of his ordination as priest in June
 - a. The planning committee (Father Tyman, Terri Kwiatkowski, and Doug Doyle) met and drafted a plan to celebrate Father Lawlor on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Please see the committee's attached report.
 - b. The Council recommended inviting the Knights of Columbus, or Karen volunteered members of the Rosary Society, to serve food during the afternoon event at St. Anne.
 - c. The Council also recommended considering Wegmans as an option for food, rather than hiring a caterer. Parishioners can supplement the menu with cheese platters and other dishes.
 - d. Communications about the event will include: invitations to Father Lawlor's family and friends, announcements in the bulletins at parishes where Father formerly served, announcement in the Catholic Courier, and a message via Diocesan listservs.
4. Update on the Volunteer Boards
 - a. Parishioners are signing up for volunteer opportunities.

- b. Visibility of the boards and the notices on the boards could be improved, as suggested by the Council. Deacon Bill will investigate using larger paper for the notices, type-written and/or larger font size, and a more prominent location for the boards in each church.
- 5. Further discussion of requests for assistance from parishioners
 - a. According to the Diocesan risk manager, the parish could post a community bulletin board at both churches with a disclaimer statement that the church is not responsible for the board or any activities that result from communications on the board.
 - b. The risk manager said that parishioners' names and contact information could not be posted. Posts on the board would have to direct a parishioner interested in helping to call a separate contact (another parishioner) to get the name and contact information of the person needing assistance.
- 6. Additional Items (*these items were not present on the original agenda*):
 - a. Council members asked about any change in weekly contributions since the churches removed the donation boxes and returned to collections during Mass. This item will be on the agenda for next month.
 - b. The Buckland Park Parish Party could happen if parishioners were willing to volunteer. Now would be a good time to reserve the park.
 - c. The Lenten Soup Suppers are starting. More soup is needed. In the past, parish committees or groups have hosted a particular week. If the Pastoral Council was to host a week, it would serve as an opportunity to recruit new members. Carol DeFilippo is the contact for the Soup Suppers. The parish provides bread and coffee.
 - d. The cluster is actively recruiting new altar servers at both churches.
- 7. Closing Prayer