Parish Pastoral Council Minutes September 21, 2022

Attendance: Phil Blankenstein, Mary Murphy, Deacon Greg Schneider, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Fr. Brian Miller

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Membership

Phil Blankenstein reported that membership will consist of at least 10 but no more than 14 in number. He also stated that elected members are eligible to serve two consecutive terms, except by a unanimous vote by the members present to extend. Fr. Miller is going to preach about the importance of a Parish Council. This will take place on the weekend of October 22-23, 2022. Phil is going to develop an application to be placed in the bulletin and on the parish website that weekend which will enable interested parishioners to apply for potential membership.

Parish Mission 2022 - Update

Fr. Bill Garrott has agreed to come to St. Catharine's during Advent from November 27-29, 2022. Fr. Garrott, O.P. plans on speaking at all Masses on the weekend of Nov. 26-27, 2022 to introduce himself and invite everyone to attend the Mission beginning on Sunday evening, November 27, 2022. The Council suggested having signs made to advertise the mission to be placed at the entrance and exit of the church. Fr. Miller will contact someone to make the signs.

100th Parish Anniversary 2025

Our 100th Parish Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on May 18, 2025. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Mass that afternoon with a reception to follow. Michelle Wunder has volunteered to be a member of the anniversary committee.

Parish Photo Directory

Mary Murphy had information from Re:Member Church Directories and Universal Church Directories. Fr. Miller would like to have the directory coincide with the 100th Anniversary of our church. He suggested that we begin the project in 2024.

Other Business

Mary Murphy reported that two companies have been contacted to measure the area of the church to install vinyl planking under the pews and carpeting for the remainder of the church. We are waiting for estimates. In the event that parishioners continue to park in the lanes directly in front of the church, signs will be placed at the entrance of the church.

Father Miller shared the following information.

- The new rectory plans are complete but Fr. Miller is hesitating on construction due to the economy. He would rather pursue the carpet installation first.
- Fr. Kuna is interested in organizing the church library.
- Fr. Miller is looking into updating our Church Website.
- Fr. Miller would like to purchase new hymnals that also contain the three cycles of Liturgical Readings. One concern is that they may not fit into hymnal slots in the pews. It is possible that these hymnals may not be available until next year.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary C. Murphy Secretary

Next meeting: TBD in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.

Michelle Wunder has the opening prayer.