

## St. Genevieve's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2022

Those present included Father Pedro, Deacon Bill Wehmeyer, Jim Brousseau, Carmen Merrill, Ginny Humling, Dennis Doyle, and Don Haley.

Discussed final preparations for the parish picnic. Dennis and Mary have it all planned out; but, will ask Sarah to send out a reminder e-mail reminding to bring a side dish and chairs. We will be sure to send thank you cards to the Thomson's for donating meat again.

Minimal discussion about financial reports since Nancy wasn't present for questions.

We will look to move the music ministry to near the front of the church to be able to better lead the congregation.

It was suggested that we need to recruit some ushers to serve during Mass.

Bill will visit with those who sing Marian hymns after Mass to ask them to help start our Sunday Rosary with a song at that time instead.

A portion of the sidewalk has moved significantly and is a tripping hazard. We need to quickly address this to make it visible in the short term and determine the cause of the problem for a long term solution.

There are several long pews available for free from the parish in Chelan. We discussed removing the padded pews that are wearing significantly and falling apart in places and replacing them with solid wooden ones. We will try to get more information and pictures of the ones in Chelan. There are also some solid ones in storage at the Wehmeyers. We can start announcing about this project and seeing who would be able to help with picking up pews, storing them, refinishing, and installing them.

Adult Faith Formation will include a study of the Acts of the Apostles to be discussed after Mass on Sept. 25th. It was recommended that we try to get an advent retreat going, if possible, in addition to the Little Books we get each season. We could also investigate a good book to give away to parishioners at Christmas, such as through Dynamic Catholic.

For Children's Faith Formation, April Stephens would like to lead a young teen group. Father asked Carmen and Don to provide help to her if she would like it. Sarah Salmon will help some with Sacramental Preparation (3rd grade and older). Parents would be given materials to share with their child and then they would check in with Sarah every couple of weeks to see progress.

We are investigating getting some type of hardware to tie into our sound system to improve the experience for those with hearing aids during Mass. There may be a grant available to help pay for the parts.

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Discussed forming a small group to look into developing plans for a Parish Hall in the future. A new proposal and a former one were discussed. It was also discussed that we would probably need a significant portion of the cost to begin; unless a parishioner or two was willing to put up collateral for a bank loan.

Bishop Daly will celebrate Mass at 5:00, Sat., Nov. 5th. That will be followed by a reception with wine, cheese, and other items. Father encouraged us to attend, if possible.

Suggested that the minutes from these meetings be posted on the website and that we announce that in the bulletin.

Father would like to announce before the next Pastoral Council that folks can contact Pastoral Council members with questions or concerns and maybe make our pictures available, also.

**Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Genevieve's.**