

Pastoral Council Goal 2023-2024:

- *The Pastoral Council will continue its efforts to increase attendance at our parish. We will plan one social event with Nativity. We will work towards having one bulletin for both parishes and will focus on better stewardship.*

Attendance: Fr. Joe, Sharon, Barb, Patty, Kathy, James, Debbie, Janice, Linda, John, Culver, Dawn, and Alex

Excused: Cathy, Mark, Ann, and Delani,

Absent: John, Randy

Guest: No Guests

Note Taker: Rachael

1. **Chairperson Comments:** Jim thanked Patty for the snacks for tonight's meeting.
2. **Open Forum (Guests):** No Guests
3. **Review and acceptance of minutes from previous PC Meeting (September 26, 2023) - Motion to accept the minutes made by John and seconded by Debbie, and Consensus was reached.**
4. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Update on the sale of the rectory:** *The sale has been approved by the Bishop, any opposition to the sale must be brought forth by 10/27/2023. After this date the courts need to approve the sale and then a closing date will be set. The buyers are using a VA loan and all inspections have passed.*
 - b) **Parish Life committee. Cathy (pulpit talk), Sharon Bulletin replies, anyone interested in Leadership role? – No announcements have been made – waiting for Cathy to make pulpit talk. Sharon has sent an e-mail regarding Ushers. SEAS would like to start using ushers for collections again on the 1st Sunday of Advent**
5. **New Business:**
 - a) **By-Laws update:** *This is a work in progress and the Executive committee is working on it.*
 - b) **Update on one bulletin for both parishes. Progress, comments, concerns....** *Fr Joe states that combining the bulletin will be a gradual transition over time. Staff from both parishes will meet on 10/25 to discuss.*
 - c) **Thanksgiving dinner, comments, concerns?** *-All mis going well. Signups are in the narthex and Billie will ask for help if she needs it. The plan is to have the Faith Education kids help where needed.*
6. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE/STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**
 - Human Concerns/Social Ministry Kathy
Deferred to the minutes. The ministry is currently collecting items to send to Liberia for Christmas. November 12th mass at SEAS will recognize Veterans, there will be a reception with refreshments after mass. Motion to accept the minutes made by Janice and seconded by Dawn, and Consensus was reached.
 - Faith Formation Sharon
Religious Education classes are going well. We currently have 4 2nd year faith formation students helping with the classes. We do not have any children receiving their 1st reconciliation or 1st communion this year. SEAS resumed its Childrens liturgy of the word on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and a Bible story time once per month has been considered for small children. Motion to accept the minutes made by Barb and seconded by Patty, and consensus was reached.
 - Facilities Janice
Reminder to keep all doors closed to rooms as each area has its own thermostat. The rectory is a work in progress, LC Properties is set to plow this year and signups for shoveling the walkways will be in the Narthex. The garden club is doing well, and the church grounds are looking better and ready for winter. Motion to accept the minutes made by Kathy and seconded by Debbie and consensus was reached.
 - Finance Debbie
Finance had their meeting today and the minutes were not yet ready. In summary: the offer on the rectory is a good one and will help replenish the Communis fund (generally used for needed renovations) The 2022-2023 financial statement will be in this week's bulletin – we were in the red. Our shared expenses with Nativity will be a 60/40 split, which will help keep expenses lower than previous years. The Golf tournament and picnic generated \$5100, and SEAS had surplus of \$22,700 as of the end of

September. Fr. Joe stated we are at 24% of our CMA goal and that is an excellent place to be at this point.

- Communications John
John asked Fr. Joe if he could video the Christmas Mass for our archives – Fr. Joe is fine with this. No requests or suggestions were made for updating the website as of this meeting. If a stewardship program is created, then more will need to be done and more help will be needed – No formal minutes to be approved.
- Liturgy Barb
Have not met since the last parish council meeting. A parishioner asked Barb why we did not have the bells anymore. Bells were originally used to get the attention of people attending mass – it signaled the most important part of the mass was happening. SEAS did not have them because Fr. Amen felt we should always be paying attention in mass, and we did not need them. There was discussion that a note in the bulletin with an explanation of this may be helpful. Barb will discuss it at the next Liturgy meeting. Remembrance Day – mass held for parishioners that have lost a loved one in the past year. Candles will be placed for family members to light as their names are read, once these have been said then parishioners can come up and say names and light a candle.
- Parish Life No committee at this time
- Executive Jim
The Parish survey has been put on hold and will be discussed later. Jim discussed having a Christmas party with both parish councils, approx. 90 people. Discussed having, pizza, wings and snacks. Jim will reach out to Nativity, 12/15 @6pm is a possible date at Nativity. Jim asked everyone to confirm their name on the list for snacks at the PC meetings and reiterated that the By-Laws are still under review. Motion to accept the minutes made by Dawn and seconded by Alex and consensus was reached.

7. Pastoral Leader comments: None

Minutes submitted by Rachael

2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

September 26, 2023
October 24
November 28
January 23, 2024
February 27
March 26
April 23
May 28
June 25
July 23