

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Niagara, WI
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
8/30/23

Present: Josh Vandembush, Patti Sparapani, Tony Noska, Fr. Felix Abano, Tammie Goldschmidt, Tammy VanPembrook

1. Opening prayer: All (Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm)
2. Request to approve agenda: Motion by Josh Vandembush, seconded by Tony Noska
3. Approval prior meeting minutes: Motion by Tammy VanPembrook, seconded by Josh Vandembush
4. Old Business:

A1. Statue restoration update: \$75 was donated by individuals, \$125 was donated by Knights of Columbus. The marble statue of Our Lady made it to the artist through DeWitt in Green Bay, but unfortunately the artist was unable to restore it, since the statue is made of marble, and the artist informed us that she doesn't restore marble. The group is currently looking for statue restoration ideas. Patti Sparapani said she would reach out to Norway Granite & Marble in Norway, MI. Josh Vandembush will ask gravestone masons.

A2. The group asked Fr. Felix if we could please go back to having quiet time for reflection while preparing to receive Our Lord, without music during reception of Holy Eucharist. Fr. Felix agreed that starting the communion hymn after the last person receives communion would be appropriate. Fr. Felix will speak to the cantor and choir.

A3. Tammie Goldschmidt will ask for volunteers and ask Dawn to place a note in the bulletin asking if any parishioners would be interested in leading the rosary 20 minutes before Sunday mass.

B. Organ was donated by the Wenzel family and has been placed upstairs in one of the classrooms for choir practice before Sunday mass.

C. The group discussed having a working subcommittee meeting aside from the parish pastoral council meeting to get parishioners as well as council members involved in creating pillars for a strategic plan, as discussed in previous meetings, so ideas could be

brainstormed. Tony suggested putting sign up sheets in Narthex and Josh thought asking parishioners to be involved in the subcommittee would be a good plan and all agreed.

D. Dawn Johnson will let area parishes know about 11/2/23 Christian burials presentation, but told Patti she does not want to be involved with the presentation. Josh presented a flyer and suggestions were made by the group for small revisions. Mass will be at 5:30, presentation will start at 6:30 in the parish hall. No rsvp needed. Light refreshments. Josh will give a practice session for his presentation at the next parish pastoral council meeting.

5. New Business:

1. Josh Vandembush asked if the ministry of greeters could be incorporated at St. Anthony's. Some members commented that there used to be greeters in the past. Discussion about greeters handing out pamphlets on how to pray the rosary, flyers about upcoming First Saturday, as well as informing parishioners/visitors about confession before mass and location of cry room and restrooms would be important for this ministry. Josh commented that name tags for greeters would also be a good idea and the group agreed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17th after 5:30pm mass.

Adjournment motion by Tammy VanPembroke at 5:55pm, seconded by Tony Noska.

Closing prayer by the group.