

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

## February 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

In attendance: Father Robert, Deacon Jeff, Tim Pitsch, Rae Ryan, Darlene Hansen, Pat Berg, Vicki Weyland, Merle Verhagen.

Father Robert said the opening prayer and then we did the Lectio Divina.

Welcome to Vicki Weyland thanks for joining the pastoral council it is great to have you on the council with us.

Pastor's report: the tractor pull committee is going to appeal one more time in writing to Barb from the Bishop's office. After we get that answer Father Robert will let the rest of the parish know about the future of the tractor pulls.

Deacon's Report: Nothing new to report at this time.

Music Ministries update: This is taken care of and is running smoothly.

One by One campaign: we talked about the areas the funds are allocated for which are, the adult learning center, music and choral fund, and Mission outreach. We do not have all of the funds now they will be coming in over the 5-year period of which we are in year 3. The learning center is complete except for some outdoor furniture which will be ordered as soon as we know what is needed. It was also mentioned that this space could be rented out in the future.

School enrollment: School enrollment is down a little so far for next year. We talked about a couple of ideas to promote the school. We could do more advertising at the Fish fries maybe a bulletin board or place mats showing everyone what a great place it is to send their children. Possibly have a QR code that can be scanned to give more information about the school and how to register/costs of tuition. We also talked about the possibility of bringing back the Children's liturgy, maybe try to get some high school students to run it to get some service hours.

Patrick then presented an idea for a fund raiser if the tractor pulls will no longer be held. We talked about Life fest on a smaller scale. We already have everything needed except for a stage and sound system which could be rented. Ideas started flowing and there seemed to be some energy already behind this idea. It would be for 2026 as it is too late to put anything together for 2025. For this year we could have a church picnic this Father's Day weekend with some of the same things like the Polka mass

and pedal pull since some of those things are already booked for that weekend. Then we can roll out the new idea sometime after that.

The question was asked what is the Pastoral Councils objective? We are the council that drives the direction we want the parish to go in the future.

Father asked if we could get a liaison to other committees to keep the Pastoral Council up to date on what is happening with those groups. This could be just getting the minutes from their meetings and sharing with the group. The following was put in place:

St. Edward's School Renae Cowart/Deacon Jeff

Worship committee Pat Cooen/Darlene Hansen

Faith Formation Celia McKee/ Vicki Weyland

Finance counsel Father Robert

Father Robert did the closing prayer.

We adjourned at 7:15pm.