

St. Athanasius Pastoral Council Minutes

May 11th, 2023

Pastoral Council Members Present: Father Ben, Kelli Even, Lee Bader, Shawn Federspiel, Netty Rohlfen (via phone), Joe Thoma, Ben Monat, Ann Tempus and Kate Even (Finance council), Tom Hogan (DB), Curtis Schares.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Prayer
3. Lee Bader made a motion to approve April meeting minutes, Ben Monat seconded. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Father Ben:
 - i. School graduation will be on May 25th at 8:30 a.m.
 - ii. June 11th Deacon Jeff will visit the parish. There will be a reception following mass in the parish center.
 - iii. Memorial Day masses: Mon, May 29th 8 a.m. at Barclay and 10 a.m. at St. A's. Mass will happen at the church to avoid inclement weather, then will head out to the cemetery after. Last year's weather was very bad.
 - iv. A parish leadership team will collect data and information regarding parish vitality and then analyze data collected to help determine the needs of our parish present and future. This information is due to the Archdiocese by August 30th.
 - b. Building and Grounds: Report from Lee Bader.
 - i. The counter tops in Father's kitchen are complete and look great!
 - ii. The stonework has arrived to finish the school, but Matt Walztoni has been ill, so he is behind schedule. He will begin laying rock mid-June.
 - iii. Still need to raise more money to cover the cost of the school renovations.
 - c. Finance Council: Report from Kate Even.
 - i. Motion was made by Kelli to approve the 2023-24 budget. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - d. School update: Report from Jennifer Sornson
 - i. The school safety survey was discussed. Many improvements needed regarding safety and security. Lighting, security cameras, locks on doors, etc. We will have to prioritize what gets done right away and what will be done at later time. The grant we will apply for is only for a max of \$50,000. More to come on this.
 - ii. There have been 2 candidates that have applied for the full-time maintenance position. References checks are the next step. Jennifer is hopeful one of them will work out nicely for our needs.
 - iii. Rules for the ESA were published last week. The number of students attending looks very good for the 2023-24 school year. Applications for ESA are due by June 30th.

- e. Report from Kelli Even.
 - i. The school is in need of a music teacher for next school year (not full-time). Discussion was had on possibly combining roles for a music teacher/ church music director as well, to form one full-time position.
 - ii. Joe Thoma made a motion to approve changes in compensation and benefits to the parish staff.
- f. Report by Tom Hogan, Operations Manager at Don Bosco School.
 - i. Tom presented the budget for the 2023-24 school year for Don Bosco. The finance committee and school board approved the budget with a 5% increase in tuition for K-12 students. It is unknown at this point how the Student First Act will affect their enrollment at this time.
 - ii. ESA tuition for K-8 \$5,200 and 9-12 \$5,800.
 - iii. 103 students currently. Projected 110 students for the 23-24 school year.

Items for Discussion:

- a. Welcome new members.
- b. Vote on positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelli Even at 8:15 p.m. Fr. Ben lead a closing prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Tempus

Parish Council Secretary