

St. Gabriel the Archangel Pastoral Council

May 24, 2022 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Mary Koslowski, Father Bob, Casey Auer, Sara VanFrachen, Christopher Wautlet, Tom Klinkhammer

Guests: Peter Ince

Excused: Lisa/Mark Blenker, Mike Van Dyke, Deacon Tom, Steve Pable, Josh Preissner

Christian Service and Living Justice Committee – Peter Ince

1. Does the parish want to maintain the CS&JC? If so, then consider the following . . .
2. Who will take on the role of acting chair of CS&JC for the next 3-year term in May of 2022?
3. What activities should be included in the CS&JC Annual Plan for FY July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023?

Note that CS&JC and volunteer partners have maintained the following regular or periodic activities:

- Management of Edna Miller Account (mainly used for St. Vincent De Paul, Reach, etc.)
- Thanksgiving Food Drive (benefit for St. Vincent De Paul and St. Joseph food pantries)
- Operation Santa Claus (benefit to residents of Winnebago Mental Health Institute)
- The Giving Tree (benefit to children in need via Boys & Girls Brigade of Neenah)
- Operation Rice Bowl (for Catholic Relief Services)
- Preparation of gift baskets donated to PILLARS silent auction (fundraiser for PILLARS)
- Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive (benefits many local service agencies and shelters)
- Fox Valley Community Tables (bimonthly meals, with volunteers organized by Jackie Weninger)
- Mother's Day gift collection for residents of Christine Anne Abuse Center

Also, the following activities are suspended due to leadership vacancy, or postponed due to pandemic:

- Monthly meals delivered to COTS shelter in Appleton (leadership vacant)
- Annual week of meals prepared for PILLARS shelter in Appleton (leadership vacant)
- Meal Pack event co-hosted with St. Margaret Mary parish and Rise Against Hunger (postponed)
- Christmas bags for homebound parish members (postponed)

4. Alternatively, does the parish want to replace CS&JC activities with new missionary discipleship activities? If so, what are those new activities and who will organize and maintain them?

Discussion:

How do we attract a new leader for our Social Concerns group?

Which collections/activities do want to continue at St. Gabriel or what collections/activities does only St.

Gabriel do? Is it possible to coordinate some of these collections and activities with the other five parishes?

Father Bob will speak with the other parish priests and/or trustees to get their thoughts about this topic. Tom

Klinkhammer will reach out to the parishes to see what each parish Social Concerns group is doing.