

St. Thomas A Becket Pastoral Council
January 25, 2023

Attending:

Betsey Coffey
Robert Dunphy
Shawn Endsley

Lisa Erhardt
Tom Robinson
Rev. William Schardt
Jennifer Stroik

1. Shawn Endsley convened the meeting at 6:32 PM in the Parish Hall followed by an opening prayer.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read.
3. Jennifer Stroik reported an enthusiastic response to the concept of ministry fair. Approximately fifteen (15) groups had responded by the time of the Pastoral Council Meeting. Jennifer met with Betsey Coffey and Maureen Roan in planning for the event. Jennifer requested a pulpit announcement to advertise the event in advance and on the day of the event.
4. Lisa Erhardt reported on parish activities:
 - a. Advent Wreath – There were 4 or 5 families who participated. The limited response was attributed to not providing enough advance notice of the event. She suggested that advertising next year should begin by November 1st.
 - b. Caroling and Cookies. The event was held on December 11 Response this year was double that of 2021 with 107 attending. Pizza ran out leading to a plan for ordering 30 pizzas next year.
5. Lisa Erhardt Social Justice Committee report. The committee has not met for approximately 7 months. She will be contacting a similar committee at St. John Neuman to explore joint activities.
6. Pastoral Council Members' Self Evaluations. Shawn Endsley distributed a summary of the self-evaluations completed by the council members.
7. Pastoral Council Election. The council discussed a potential schedule for the election. The Election will be held in May with the results announced in June. The new council terms will begin on July 1, 2023. Shawn Endsley reviewed a proposed bulletin insert announcing the process. There will be two (2) public question and answer sessions for interested parties to be held in the parish hall. He also proposed a candidate application form. Candidate Applications will be submitted to Shawn Endsley and R. Dunphy
8. St. Paul Leadership Meeting. Shawn Endsley attended and reported on the planned renovation of St. Thomas Moore Cathedral.
9. Communion for the Homebound. No date has been set for resumption.
10. Next Meetings will be in March and May.
11. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

