Pastoral Council Minutes from the March Meeting on 3/25/26

Attendance: Fr. Dan (Pastor), Tom (Chair), Roy (Secretary/Communications), Vito, Mary, Debbie, Rebekah (Staff), Kathy Aman, Jeanine Ingram. Meeting opened with a prayer from Fr. Dan and the reading of the St. Joseph University Parish Mission Statement by Kathy.

Pastoral Report -Fr. Pat's surgery went well.

-We will have to start to pay the Diocesan Assessment which is $240,000 per year.

-The Diocese will probably keep the interest on our $1.1 million payment as a part of the assessment.

-Our Holy Week Liturgies are all set, we are good with volunteers, and we will not be bringing in additional security for Holy Week.

-The Diocese still owes us money for Campus Ministry.

Old Business: -There is a Bylaws Draft. There was a motion to delay going over this draft until our retreat in May where we can have a deep discussion on it. The motion passed unanimously.

-We continue to look to add a member of the School to the Council. Fr. Dan will continue to work on this.

-Results of last year's survey were distributed. Members were encouraged to review and select 3 key areas that for further discussion. More discussion on all of this will happen at the Retreat in May.

New Business:-The Retirement Celebration for Fr. Jim will be linked in with our 4pm Saturday Mass during Pride Weekend on June 6th and with our presence at Pride. Reception will follow mass.

-There is a new Ministry of Care and Compassion that is replacing the Ministry of Presence. (Tom, Jessica,MJ and Maureen McGuire are on this Committee)

-We discussed a need for confidentiality at these meetings

-We talked about a Parish Picnic honoring our volunteers and more coordination for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers during Mass.

-We talked about recruiting more young people (under 45) to become more active in the Parish.

-Next Meeting is April 22nd at 6:30pm. Closing Prayer and Blessing from Fr. Dan.