

Pastoral Council Task Force Minutes
August 20,2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman, Ed Rydell

Other members present: Tom Kelly, Tom Paulson, Charlet Sperbeck, and Jim Piggush
Guest: Father John Evans

An opening prayer was led by Fr. Evans.

Ed Rydell reported on comments from a past council member who served over 10 years ago regarding the history of parish council interest and elections. He also relayed a recommendation from the parish trustees that council membership does not exceed seven.

Father Evans gave a report on his discussions with the Vicar General of the Diocese of Winona - Rochester which resulted in granting a dispensation to our parish from the requirement to hold pastoral council elections. Father Evans received permission to utilize a discernment model to appoint new members to the pastoral council.

Ed Rydell gave a presentation on what a discernment process might look like in our parish. After discussion, agreement was reached that a task force should be created regarding the discernment process to obtain suggestions and feedback from other parishioners. Ed Rydell agreed to form and chair the task force.

Discussion followed regarding revision of the current pastoral council constitution in 3 areas with agreement as follows:

Eligibility for Council Membership-

All registered members of the Parish, who have been Confirmed, are eligible.

Council Vacancies-

Vacancies caused by resignation, removal, moving away or death shall be filled by any eligible parishioner by the Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting with approval of the Pastor.

Replacements should complete the discernment process if not previously completed.

Removal from Council Membership

- A) If any member shall be absent without notification or excuse for three consecutive meetings, the Council shall remove such member at its next meeting unless the member shall show extenuating circumstances for the absences.
- B) The Pastor has the right to recommend for removal any member of the Pastoral Council for any reason which would serve the best interest of the Parish. A majority of the remaining council members would be asked to endorse the removal.