

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

St. Mark Church

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:30 PM

Attendees: Fr. Kevin Earleywine, Tom Atkinson, John Winkels, Doug Aldinger, Robert Warrington, Mary Quinlin

Fr. Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Kevin updated the group on the Barnabas House and the family currently being housed there. He explained the financial arrangement with the Barnabas account, the signers on the account, and the accountant managing it. He explained the membership of the Barnabas Administrative Council. Initial expectations were that the Barnabas Admin Council would handle the details in working with the family.

What information should be shared, specifically related to the family? Fr. Kevin serves as pastor and will not share information that is not appropriate for him to share.

ATLAS: Roxanne Peterson has started ATLAS, an entity that BH could partner with to serve and mentor the families. Fr. Kevin will announce at the next admin meeting that we will formally partner with ATLAS, with a nominal monthly payment. This partnership will also be utilized with future families who are placed through the FSRP (DHS caseworker). ATLAS is faith-based, versus DHS, and could continue the relationship after the family is out of the house. They plan to train mentors from the local churches. ATLAS is funded by donations, community partners, and grants.

How do we manage the house moving forward? Doug Aldinger is serving as the maintenance manager, working with the family to make repairs to the house. We hope to have ATLAS and the family's FSRP worker will collaborate and come up with what's best for the family. For the current family, we plan to have ATLAS take the lead on working with the family. Fr. Kevin will connect the Watkins with Roxanne and they'll follow the payment agreement until they can take the next step. Tom Atkinson stated that the pastoral council is here to help in whatever way they can. The suggestion was made to approach St. Mary Parish of Ackley about providing support for Barnabas House, as the current family are members of that parish. Fr. Kevin will plan to inquire with them about providing for the cost of cleaning after the family moves out.

Robert shared suggestions for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of meetings in the future. Key points are preparation of the meeting outline and any materials needed for the meeting, along with a review and follow up after the meeting.

Fr. Kevin closed the meeting with a prayer.