

## St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting – June 19, 2024

### Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Jeff Chan

**Attendance:** Fr. Shoby Chettiyath, Cheryl Coffelt, Linda Howard, Jeff Chan, Paul Durham, Clark Parmley.

**New Members:** Trevor Chan, Tracy King, Bob Baker and Ken Palermo

**Ex-officio Attendance:** Deacon Gary Steffes, Julie Clarke

**Excused Absence:** Chris Johnmeyer, Seth Hampel, Glenda Griest, and John Walraven

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Chan

**Question of the Week:** What is the “good soil” that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others? Members shared lots of memories from going back to previous Churches, childhood, family, friends, and their Catholic education. “Grow where you are planted”.

**Minutes from May 15, 2024 were approved and accepted.**

### Old Business

\* Church Expansion/Capital Campaign Update: Received 2 proposals from architects. Interview meetings will be on 6/20/24.

\* Eucharistic Revival: Our Parish had a good procession, very prayerful, good route and helpers. Not as many people showed up to walk as last year.

\* 2024 Retreat Planning: Retreat date is Saturday 9/14/24 from 9-2pm. Linda Howard volunteered to organize food for breakfast and lunch. Jeff Chan and Tracy King offered to help. Invitations to all Council members will be sent out and it will be opened up to the parishioners, with focus on ministry/activity leaders. We will have announcements and information in the bulletin, with a cut-off date.

\* 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning: There will be another planning meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Announcements are being made, and it will also be in the bulletin. Father asked that we personally ask people to join and help.

\* Annual review of Pastoral Plan: Each Council member went over their sections:

Prayer, Sacraments, and The Eucharist: Volunteers still needed for Sacristan/Facilitator. Additional people needed for PSR as aides and substitutes for the coming year with additional space. We moved from praying for the success of our capital campaign to now praying for the DDF campaign. Need to foster and encourage vocations, possible prayer during Mass and soliciting a family each month – looking to invite a parishioner to assume this task. Deacon is planning a novena to St. Joseph this fall, and possibly additional seasonal novenas.

Total Stewardship/Finance: Proposal for software to schedule volunteers. Father will talk to Amanda Floer about this. Possibly buying a camera for different parishioners to use for church events. Education is needed in Stewardship. Hopefully the Retreat will be a positive event for this. Deacon Gary will be working on the Liturgy committee. Pastoral Council members should take active role to help in personal invites for ministry/activity needs.

Youth: Sabrina Bennink has started work as our new Youth Minister. Last Saturday a movie and s'mores roast was held. We only had 4 youth from our Parish. Need to continue to promote the youth program to our parish families – any and all ideas are welcome. Must solicit parents to get kids' participation. Need to find out from our youth what types of activities will get them there. VBS has 30 students registered for July 8-12<sup>th</sup>.

Community Outreach/Service: There are a lot of opportunities to get our name out there – advertising, parishioner yard signs, etc. Deacon brought up the Nixa dog park and a bill for advertising if we want to continue. Jeff Chan will investigate this. There is also the Crane Broil Fest, Nixa Sucker Days and NIXPO. We will check on FCA at Nixa High School. Look for additional direct-volunteering opportunities (Least of These, etc.). Continue ministers of care, which has good momentum.

Welcoming Parishioners: Questions raised on welcoming packet. Cheryl Coffelt will check with Amanda Floer on what is in the packet. Card Ministry is going good. It does has some ups and downs. Cleaning teams still need work. Thursday morning team only had one person showing up. She agreed to change to Tuesdays and joined another team. Need to get St. Francis Friends connected to all new parishioners from the past two or so years.

Evangelizing/Finding New Parishioners: Need to instill a desire with our parishioners on continuing formation. Deacon Gary is looking into 3 possibilities in the coming months. Sofia Mitchell will lead the new OCIA program this November. Several individuals will begin (RCIA) in late summer, and we need to continue to look for & ask others. We need to promote our book study more. Look into options for some kind of festival or community event to connect St. Francis to our neighbors and the wider Nixa community.

## **New Business**

\* Seth Hampel tendered his resignation from the Parish Pastoral Council due to his family moving to a new parish. He sent a kind note of thanks to the Council. As Seth was an appointed Council member, Fr. Shoby will appoint a new member to complete the remainder of this 2022-2025 term.

\* PPC officers for 2024-2025: Cheri Coffelt volunteered for the Secretary role. No other volunteers, and the Council agreed unanimously for Cheri as Secretary for the next term. The Council next discussed the President and Vice-President roles for the 2024-2025 term. Jeff Chan agreed to take on the Vice-President role to mentor a new President for the next term. Bob Baker and Tracy King expressed interest, and after discussion, Bob was put forward as candidate for President, to which the Council unanimously agreed. Fr. Shoby raised point of having a commissioning for the new Pastoral Council and officers at an upcoming Sunday Mass end-June or early-July.

\* Pastoral Plan assignments: The Council had an open discussion and solicited volunteers as assignees for the six part of the Parish Pastoral Plan. Cheri Coffelt agreed to continue representing Welcoming Parishioners. Tracy King and Ken Palermo volunteered for Total Stewardship. Trevor Chan volunteered for Youth. The Council then proposed having Chris Johnmeyer cover Prayer, Sacraments & The Eucharist along with the new Council member upon appointment; Joe Schmitz to cover Community Outreach/Service; and Jeff Chan to cover Evangelizing/"Finding" New Parishioners. Jeff Chan will confirm the proposed assignments with those members.

\* Round Table: There will be a social in the parking lot on June 29<sup>th</sup>, followed by Nixa fireworks. See the bulletin for further information.

**Pastor's Comments:** St Francis of Assisi has a new vocation candidate. Joseph Sarnes has turned in his seminary papers. We will start praying the St. Micheal prayer during Mass.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Shoby gave a closing prayer and blessing

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm**

**Dates to Remember:**

6/29 (Sat) Social in the Church parking lot, food and fireworks

6/29-7/7 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage route through Missouri

Closest to Nixa: 6/29 (Sat) Kansas City, 7/1 (Mon) Windsor, 7/3-7/5 (Wed-Fri) Jefferson City

7/8-12 (Mon-Fri eve) Vacation Bible School

7/12-14 (Fri-Sun) Steubenville Retreat MSU, Springfield

7/17-21 (Wed-Sun) National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis

**9/14 (Sat) All-Councils Retreat – Stewardship 9am-2pm**

**9/18 (Wed) Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm – first meeting of 2024-2025 term**

9/21 (Sat) Catholic Charities Life House Gala Fundraiser Event, Springfield

CCSOMO.org or kpalermo@ccsomo.org for tickets

9/29 (Sun) St. Francis Feast Day Mass, with Bishops Rice and Leibrecht

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary picnic and groundbreaking