

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council-Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Paul Durham

Attendance: Fr. Shoby Chettiyath, Paul Durham, Seth Hampel, Cheryl Coffelt, Glenda Griest, and Linda Howard

Excused Absence: Jeff Chan, and Chris Johnmeyer

Unexcused Absence: John Walraven and Clark Parmley

Ex-officio attendee: Dcn. Gary Steffes

Opening Prayer: Fr. Shoby Chettiyath

Question of the Week: What role does fear play in your life? What role does faith play in your life? We discussed how both of these roles are played in our lives.

Reviewed minutes of May 17,2023 meeting. There were 2 corrections, see attached. Minutes were then approved.

Old Business

Continue work on moving Pastoral Plan to action-Need to get an updated points of contact list. Paul has since secured one and given it out.

Church expansion update-Bids are currently out waiting for responses

Ad hoc retreat committee-We have a retreat meeting scheduled for June 27th at 7pm. Continue to review the revive parishes website pick one or two questions or reactions that we can discuss further.

Eucharistic Revival at St Francis of Assisi-This is an expression of our faith. Father was very pleased with our Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Parish really turned out for this. Deacon Gary has a book that will be passed out after Masses entitled Becoming Eucharistic People.

New Business

Officer nominations and election for 2023-2024 term-Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary:
Chair: no one present agreed to take this position. Hold for further discussion, or next meeting
Vice-Chair: Paul Durham volunteered to continue in this position and was elected
Secretary: Linda Howard volunteered to also keep her position and was elected

Pre-review for March 2024 PPC elections: Think about who might want to be involved in PPC

Reports & List of Planned Activities

Prayer, Sacraments, & The Eucharist-The Rosary is being said before each Mass , and there is a

Prayer meeting after Masses. No further updates

Total Stewardship-2023 goal: Using Revive program to help further education on Total Stewardship, to all councils and parish staff.

3-5 year goal: Every parishioner to understand Total Stewardship way of life. For every parishioner to have a personal connection to the Parish, not just coming to Mass.

Needs: More types of groups for people to belong to such as: grief/divorce, Theology on tap, Seniors group with speakers to present different topics, Wine & Word, Daughters of the King (focus on Scripture).

Explore using a consultant to help the Parish get a better understanding of Total Stewardship.

Finance- published quarterly to the Parish

Youth-All PSR teachers contacted will be returning. The bbq and games day to kick off summer was successful. A meeting with Jr. High and High school leaders is planned for July 16th to plan summer and fall activities.

Community Outreach-St. Francis of Assisi Cares Face book-Have at least one new program/need posted per month. We are continuing to post monthly.

3-5 year goal: become an active viable conduit of information in providing service opportunities and identifying needs of our community.

Needs: a facilitator to commit to this platform

Welcoming Parishioners: Goals for 2023-Continue to be welcoming to all who enter our Church.

Church cleaning, indoor and outdoor maintenance have no needs at this time. Liturgical Environment-Needs are being met, however would like to see more center pieces in the gathering area. Desire to continue to maintain and improve outdoor prayer areas.

Needs: Saturday social- Establish a team and solidify an event. Possibly have Knights of Columbus serve a meal once a month.

Medical team-goals-contact individuals with medical backgrounds and form a team to access how we might meet the needs of the parishioners and visitors, that might have medical needs.

St Francis friends/Mentoring -The goal this year is to reestablish this ministry and assign members of the Welcoming to contact and assist new members of our Parish.

Evangelizing/Finding new parishioners:

Adult Faith Formation: needs: to instill a desire in our parishioners for continuing formation, and a need for volunteers and new facilitators. Looking at a 4-week program on the Eucharist during the summer. Formed subscription has been renewed for one more year. Book study-taking a break at this time, will begin again in September. RCIA-needs-Volunteers, instructors, Catechumens and candidates. Have identified some possible assistance opportunities.

No other updates in this category.

Pastor's Comments

There will be a meeting and dinner on July 10th at Holy Trinity Parish from 6:30 to 8:30. Father has requested on behalf of the Diocese that we attend and help explain to our Sister Parishes the Pastoral Plan, and how as a Parish Council we formed our Plan.

75% of the Parish has contributed to the DDF at this time.

Our thoughts on offering an additional Mass on Sundays at 7:30 or 7:45. We all agreed with Father on this and it will start on July 9th at 7:45 am.

Father is working diligently on the Stewardship committee and currently has about 8 members.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Shoby

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Dates to Remember:

No July or August Parish Pastoral Council meetings

Wednesday, Sept 20th- PPC meeting, 7pm