

St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

March 16, 2022 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order 7:15 pm by Jeff Chan

Attendance: Jeff Chan, Glenda Griest, Mike Ecker, Linda Howard, Fr. Tom Reidy

Excused Absence: Clark Parmley, Paul Durham, Kent Welch, John Walraven

Ex-officio attendees: Deacon Gary Steffes

NOTE: Since we did not have a quorum there will be no voting decisions made tonight

Opening Prayer: Jeff Chan

Question of the Week: Discussed how we see and understand Jesus

Minutes of February 16,2022 reviewed and approved

Pastor's Comments: Interviewed an individual for the office manager job – would be April start

Old Business:

Playground ideas: Fr. Reidy is still praying on this. We also need John's committee input to move further

Parish/Building signage: Chris Johnmeyer will help, but needs direction on what is needed

Community Outreach: The Nixa dog park sponsorship has been approved by Fr. Reidy, we will now look at options. ***an email was sent to all voting members on the options the park is offering. We all favored a banner option. Our Parish is only 1.5 miles from the park and with St. Francis being the patron saint of animals, this is a great community outreach.

Report from Ad Hoc Nominating Committee: Election Results from March 5/6 election: Chris Johnmeyer and Cheryl Coffelt elected for 2022-2024 terms. Fr. Reidy appointed Seth Hampel and Jeff Chan to two-year terms.

Parish Synodal Consultation: Leaders/Note takers and Session dates: 4 sessions will be held.

April 8th Friday at 7:30-9:00 after Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross

May 6 Friday at 6:30-8:00 for teens and young adults 15-26 years of age, pizza dinner

May 15 Sunday after donuts 11-12:30 pm, light lunch served

May 21 Saturday, 7-8:30pm after Mass, light dinner served

New Business:

Thought exercise on Parish growth-"Double in 5 years"- challenge on how to do this-part of the Pastoral Plan. Begin to collect ideas and thoughts to return to this topic after the Synodal process and the summer break/retreat.

Reports and List of Planned Activities:

Stewardship Council- Prayer commitment weekend was held March 5-6 with prayer commitment cards provided to all parishioners during Mass, then collected and placed by the ambo for the remainder of Lent as a reminder. Cards were received from 51% of Mass attendees. If young children are excluded from the count then approximately 60% adults participated which is higher than expected.

The winter edition of the Parish newsletter was mailed this week. If you have any ideas for upcoming issues please let Deacon Gary or Ann Elwell know.

Stewardship Council is looking for new council members that can help promote the total stewardship way of life. If you know of a good candidate please let Janet Morehead know.

Finance Council: No major expenses, bringing in more than we are spending

Liturgical Ministries: Nothing new to report at this time

Parish Outreach (Community service)- No updates at this time

Parish Enrichment: Book Study Group is currently reading Screwtape Letters. Next book will be The Signs of Life. All are welcome to join in person on Mondays in the community room or by Zoom. Right now there is representation from 3 states!!

Faith Formation- 75 people are currently participating in the Forgiven program. Renee will be starting theology of the body with the older students Sunday, March 26. Continuing classes towards First Communion. Renee also mentioned the need for permanent walls during PSR, as it is hard to hear during classes and not fair to the parishioners who stay to have community time and need to keep quiet.

Closing Prayer: Jeff Chan

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard