

St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

October 19, 2022 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order 7:10 by Paul Durham

Attendance: Paul Durham, Fr. Shoby, Glenda Griest, Chris Johnmeyer, Clark Parmley, Cheryl Coffelt, Seth Hampel, John Walraven, and Linda Howard

Excused Absence: Jeff Chan

Ex-officio attendees: Janet Morehead

Opening Prayer: Fr. Shoby

Question of the Week: Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. We discussed what causes us to become weary in our prayer, such as little or no patience, a crisis and not knowing which way to go.

Minutes of September 21, 2022 reviewed and approved. (Fr. Shoby wanted to verify that new video equipment was not ordered)

Pastor's Comments:

Altar server meetings will be held for all servers new and old

Father Shoby is writing a letter to all families welcoming them back to Mass

Father has seen a pamphlet on liturgical ministries, and do we think we would like this?

Parishioners are asking about our Choir. Paul let Father know Debbie has been reaching out to prior choir members on returning. Their first practice is scheduled for October 26, 2022.

Father Nwokoye will be visiting our Parish in the near future and looking to see what the needs are. We realize what is most needed is space for classrooms.

Old Business:

Building signage: Sign will be installed next Wednesday and Thursday October 26, 27.

Chris, Linda and Greg Eck met before the meeting tonight and talked about the signage at Butterfield and Gregg Rd. Chris reported on what we had discussed. Per the city it would be \$10 a month for the box and then whatever electricity is used. We spoke with Seth and asked about digging a trench from the pole to the sign, he will check and see with who they use for landscaping and what the cost would be, or if we rent one and do it ourselves. Greg will reach out to the city again and see what the next steps are.

Pastoral Plan update and top focus objectives for the 6 key areas. -reviewed draft 3. A couple of thoughts were expressed. Under Stewardship we would like to expand on the difference between our Parish and what other Stewardship Parishes are doing. On Community Outreach

for elder care, check to see if Communion is being taken to Residential Care facilities, nursing homes, and Homebound. Under youth, the play area will be discussed again fully at a later date.

New Business:

Finalize Parish Survey: we reviewed all 40 questions, and deleted approximately 10 of them, to save for a later date. The survey will be given to all Parishioners on the weekend of October 29, and 30th. Father Shoby will give a 2-minute sermon and then parishioners will have 7-8 minutes to fill out the survey. Ushers will pass out the surveys and collect them during that time.

Round table discussion- It was asked of Fr. Shoby when did he think the Blood of Christ will be brought back. Some Churches in other areas of the country have. Father explained this was a Diocesan policy and not a decision made by an individual Church. There are a lot of different perspectives and opinions on this and it doesn't seem to be coming back soon. Fr. Shoby explained that in many countries that the body of Christ is the whole body (including blood).

Reports & List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council- Close to getting final tallies on numbers for sign-ups. Numbers were down in every area. Currently working on Treasury commitment cards and Evening of gratitude.

Finance Council-no meeting this month- However it was brought to the council's attention that we need to be transparent on where the Parishioners money is going. More detail is needed than what is in the bulletin, incoming and outgoing. Can Finance put together a sheet like the one that was done in October 2020?

Liturgical Ministries-Rosary before Masses are still going well. Father Shoby and Deacon Gary will start training classes for the different Ministries.

We ran out of time-no further reports.

Closing Prayer: Council was dismissed to pray at Adoration

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, October 30th-Trunk or Treat
Wednesday, November 9th Finance Council Meeting
Sunday, November 13th Ladies Advent Tea
Wednesday, November 16th Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 23rd Stewardship Council Meeting
Monday, December 5th Penance Service 7pm
Friday, December 9th Pastoral Plan update due to Fr. Shoby.
December 30th-Pastoral Plan update due to Diocese
Sunday, January 29th Chili Cook-off

