

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2022 7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Jeff Chan

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

Ex-officio attendees: Janet Morehead, Deacon Gary Steffes

Opening Prayer: Seth Hampel

Question of the Week: What criteria/guidelines do you use to determine “what is not of Jesus?” We discussed who comes in Jesus’s name saying “I am he”, and “The time has come”. Do not be deceived by people or things not of Jesus.

Minutes of October 19, 2022 reviewed and approved

Old Business

Building signage update- The new “St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church” lettering was installed on the stone wall October 26th and 27th - looks great! Wonderful donation from M&G Signs.

Pastoral Plan Update- Appears to be ready to present to Fr. Shoby by Dec 9. We had no more recommendations or changes to discuss. The Plan builds on our strengths from the last 18 years and creates a foundation for the activities over the next 5 years. We are on the right path with the Pastoral Plan.

New Business

The Council discussed the annual ad hoc nominating committee and chair for 2023 PPC election. After discussion of a recommendation from Fr. Shoby to consider extending the current council terms per the new Diocese Pastoral Council Norm, the term change from 2 to 3 years was voted on and agreed by the Council.

Beginning with the January 2023 Council meeting, we will retire the existing Parish Council bylaws and operate to the new Norms for the council. We will discuss our being an Advisory Council not a doer Council, and how to transition our thoughts on different Councils, and how to align the activities of the various ministries and activities in the parish to the updated Pastoral Plan.

Pastor’s Comments

Fr. Shoby presented a letter he received from Bishop Rice, with results of a Deanery Visit from our Dean, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, last Spring. Strengths of the parish include a commitment to stewardship and adult education opportunities. In order for the parish to grow, it is time to look towards the future and begin planning for additional classroom and meeting space. A committee will be formed to start a plan to expand. Seth Hampel will be the committee representative from the Parish Pastoral Council.

Fr. Shoby met with the Knights of Columbus. They will put Christmas lights outside of Church.

Fr. Shoby is concerned that there are still no lights on our new signage, and thought it had been in the works. We needed to wait until the sign was up for lighting placement. Linda Howard will contact Greg Eck and see if this can be moved along. We also discussed the sign lighting on the corner of Gregg and Butterfield Rd. Seth Hampel has a worker going to dig the line for the cable next week. Will contact Greg Eck to see what the next step is, in laying the cable and getting Nixa licensing.

Parish Mission will be December 10 and December 11 at 6:30 p.m. Our presenter will be Fr. Joseph Kelly, Pastor of St. Ambrose in Chaffee and Guardian Angel in Oran.

Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 20th at 7 p.m.

No Council meeting on December 21st. We will have a party with all councils on December 14th.

Reports and List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council- First weekend of January will be treasury campaign, details still to be determined. February is prayer commitment month. April 21st or 28th will be Evening of Gratitude. Janet indicated that help is needed for this. Glenda Griest, Linda Howard and John Walraven volunteered to help the Stewardship Council with this.

Finance Council- doing fine- full account of expenses incoming and outgoing will be available.

Liturgical Ministries- Deacon Gary met with Sacristans and Facilitators for a training session. Will be having Altar Servers training soon and in the future Usher training.

Closing Prayer- Seth Hampel

Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday and Monday, December 10th and 11th Parish Mission

Wednesday, December 14th Councils party 7:15p.m.

Tuesday, December 20th Parish Communal Penance 7p.m.

Friday, December 30th Pastoral Plan update due to Diocese

Sunday, January 29th Chili Cook-off