

## St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

August 17, 2022 7:00 p.m.

### Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Jeff Chan

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

Excused Absence: Seth Hampel

Ex-officio attendees: Deacon Gary Steffes

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Chan - He also welcomed us back to the new year and officially welcomed Fr. Shoby

**Question of the week:** Jesus said to his disciples, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Over what issues or issue do you find yourself standing alone? This passage took quiet reflection.

**Minutes of June 15, 2022, were approved via email**

### Old Business

Dog Park banner- Jeff Chan showed a picture of the banner at the park. It's 4x6 feet, has prominent placing, looks very good. The sign was \$300 this year and \$200 next year, and we have a 2-year replacement policy at no charge. It's on Norton Rd just north of Rosedale Rd.

Signage for Church- Linda Howard reported from M&G Signs that almost all the letters are done, still working on the Cross. Jeff and Linda will go over to discuss how the sign will be mounted, and what choices are available on the stone wall.

Reviewed committee assignments & alignment to Maintenance to Mission/Pastoral Plan

Liturgical Ministries- Glenda Griest, Clark Parmley

Parish Outreach (Community Service)-Cheryl Coffelt, Paul Durham

Parish Enrichment- Seth Hampel, Chris Johnmeyer

Faith Formation (Education)- Linda Howard, John Walraven

## **New Business**

### All-Councils Retreat follow-ups and Pastoral Plan update

The councils met on August 13, for our retreat and came away with a renewed spirit of our Maintenance to Mission Plan

Some of the focus points for the Pastoral Plan update:

We came up with 10 options to include in the new Pastoral Plan. We then consolidated some of them and everyone voted their top 3 options to then discuss further. After tallying the votes, we then broke out into 4 groups concentrating on the top 4 Pastoral Plan topics brainstorming ideas on how we can achieve our goals.

- 1) Youth
- 2) Welcoming new parishioners
- 3) Community outreach/service
- 4) Evangelizing/ "finding"

A boundary map was shown for our Parish. Some of us did not realize how much of an area we encompass. 270 square miles, with a 30,000+ population count.

Lynn Melendez couldn't make the retreat due to illness, but would like to still visit with us at a future time.

We will continue working on the Pastoral Plan during future Parish Council meetings for completion to Fr. Shoby by Dec 2, and the Diocese by Dec 30. A template for the Pastoral Plan update will be sent to the Pastoral Council members to capture their first thoughts, due by Sept 14, to review at next Council meeting.

Will be starting a "Who's who" for the Parish. Next council meeting (Sept 21) we will have pictures taken.

## **Reports & List of Planned Activities**

Stewardship Council- Sept 10,11 Ministry Fair- Different tables will be set up to display where you can volunteer your time and talent, along with games, and door prizes for completing ministry forms. After the ministry fair, we will have Abbey type up a new Committee Chair listing. Next newsletter will be out soon, watch for it! Lots of valuable and interesting topics. Fall kick-off will be this Sunday, Aug 21.

Finance Council- Electronic giving is surpassing Sunday envelopes

Liturgical Ministries- no concerns at this time

Parish Outreach- no concerns at this time

Parish Enrichment- no concerns at this time

Faith Formation- Book club starts on August 22, come to a meeting or virtually. PSR starts Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Julie Helterbrand is our new CRE. Also, RCIA will begin soon. If you know of anyone interested (family and friends) in the Catholic faith, have them contact the Parish. Adult formation-thinking about how to get parishioners more concerned about their own growth.

**Pastor's Comments:**

RCIA- Talk to people in your family, your friend circle. Give them the experience to know the Catholic faith.

Our Parish has been very welcoming to him.

Abbey Fuentes, our new office manager, is doing a great job.

Building locks were changed today. Please see Abbey to get a new key.

Bulletin will start looking different.

Fr. Shoby is very happy to see the work done on the new Pastoral Plan.

He is grateful for Deacon Gary and all his help.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Shoby asked that we go spend time with Jesus during Adoration

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard, Secretary