

St. Francis of Assisi – Parish Pastoral Council Minutes CORRECTED

June 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Jeff Chan

Attendance: Jeff Chan, Fr. Tom Reidy, Linda Howard, Mike Ecker, Clark Parmley, John Walraven, Paul Durham, Kent Welch, Chris Johnmeyer, and Seth Hampel

Excused Absence: Cheryl Coffelt, Glenda Griest

Ex-officio attendees: Jane Parmley sitting in for Janet Morehead, Deacon Gary Steffes on vacation

Opening Prayer: Paul Durham

Question of the Week: Discussed how the Holy Spirit guides us to truth. Pray on what the Spirit is telling you to do.

Minutes of May 18, 2022 reviewed and approved

Pastor's Comments:

Discussed a Cross on the building, along with signage. See additional information in old business.

Playground on hold for now with new transitions of Priests.

Livestreaming – is expense justifiable? (due to copyright expenses and limitations to music) Cost has risen from \$7-8,000 to \$13,000. Is this a need in our Parish, as a minimal amount of people now use livestream? Pastor recommendation lower cost, keep it simple. Also, need to make room for the choir.

Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday June 19. Looking for a good turnout from our Parish for the procession with Bishop Emeritus Leibrecht at St. Agnes Cathedral.

Precious Blood- any idea when we might see this back at Masses? Father Reidy doesn't see it coming back for a while, at least not at this time.

Due to the priest transition, sponsoring a family from Ukraine is on hold at this time.

Sheri Duncan has agreed to stay on as office manager for a while longer. Jan Bruenger had to leave for personal reasons.

Old Business

Parish Synodal Consultation status and updates- Jeff Chan received the input forms from the 4 meetings that were held. 75 participants attended. Summary report sent to Diocese. Detailed version will be coming out for Council members.

Parish/building signage committee report- Linda Howard had a couple of picture options from M&G Signs. The signage is being donated by them. Will get back with them on a couple of concerns – cost for a Cross, and what mounting options are available besides wood.

Playground ideas- On hold at this time.

Annual Retreat Planning/Thought exercise on Parish Growth - Will be held 8/13/22, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Lynn Melendez, Diocese Director for Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Youth Formation, will be the guest speaker. Jeff Chan will get together with the 3 co-chairs in setting up a timetable and food, drinks, etc. All councils will be included in the retreat. We need to discuss how they work with the Pastoral Plan. Long term goals have not been set for our Parish, 5yr-10 yr. goals. We need to make this a vision type session.

New Business

Election of 2022-23 Parish Pastoral Council Officers-

Chair: single nomination for Jeff Chan. No other nominations- Jeff Chan will be our Chair.

Vice-Chair: Nominee was Paul Durham- no other nominations- Paul will be our Vice-Chair.

Secretary: Linda Howard was nominated, no others volunteered. Linda will be our secretary.

Everyone nominated was voted on unanimously and all nominees agreed to take their office.

Assignment of Committee Liaison Roles-

Liturgical Ministries- Glenda Griest and Clark Parmley

Parish Outreach- Cheryl Coffelt and Paul Durham

Parish Enrichment, Maintenance, Outside Groups- Seth Hampel and Chris Johnmeyer

Education/Formation- John Walraven and Linda Howard

Reports & List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council- Fall ministry fair will be September time frame. Currently working on how to simplify the commitment forms. Will be speaking with the different ministries on how to display what their committees do. Newsletter went out the first week of June. If anyone has any additional ideas on topics, please let them know. Also, they are in desperate need of additional people on this council. If you know of anyone that has an interest, please send them their way.

Finance Council- Diocesan Development Fund- We are currently at 70% of our Parish goal. We still have through July.

Liturgical Ministries- Status quo

Parish Outreach- Loving Stitches will continue to meet in the summer months but not to quilt. They will meet to socialize and other activities. Rosary Guild will have an article for the next newsletter.

Parish Enrichment- We now have new lights in the parking lot!! We are working to replace lights in front on the wall and our sign. Cleaning teams are working hard to keep the parish clean. Cleaning of the floors in the community room and kitchen has been approved. This has been

scheduled for July 11th. The Knights will help move all tables and chairs and pews after Mass on July 10th.

Faith Formation- Looking for someone to replace Renee Truby. We need to come up with a job description in order to find the right person.

Our outgoing Parish Council members, Kent Welch, Mike Ecker, and Ron Pojar were thanked with a gift and card for their time and commitment for their previous years.

We also thanked Fr. Reidy for all his wisdom and advice given that this was his last meeting. We ended with having his favorite brownies.

Closing Prayer- Jeff Chan

Final Blessing- Fr. Reidy

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard