

St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – corrected

May 17, 2023

Meeting called to order by Jeff Chan at 7:09p.m.

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

Ex-officio attendees: Janet Morehead and Dcn. Gary Steffes

Opening Prayer: Paul Durham

Question of the Week: What does it mean to you to have your “home” in Jesus? Discussed remembering He is there always; we are not alone. He will not leave us orphans.

Minutes of April 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed. There were two corrections to add to the retreat committee, then minutes were approved.

Old Business

Continue work on moving Pastoral Plan to action-We reviewed items remaining for goals and objectives. We updated contacts that we were aware of. Jeff will update the Pastoral Plan with tonight’s input, send out a new list and we are to help fill in the blanks before next Parish Council meeting. We need to remember this is a living document. We will maintain connections with the Parish ministries and activities under their Objective, ensuring that goals are set, activities and progress monitored, and any needs for help or assistance are quickly raised to the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Church expansion update-The building committee met with the architectural firm on Monday, May 15th. We are in the beginning stages. We need to get a conceptual design to the Parish. This will happen very shortly. Fr. Shoby received a unanimous vote from the Parish Council to take the plan, when ready to the Bishop. All other committees will need to be consulted.

Ad hoc retreat committee-Had a zoom meeting with some in the committee. Others had trouble getting on. Deacon Gary and Janet brought up the Revive program that has 25 short videos on Total Stewardship. We discussed using Revive since we have a lot of new Parishioners and we all need to be re-educated on Stewardship. Janet brought up that we need to think about getting an external facilitator. At the Parish Council meeting, Fr. Shoby had a suggestion and will check to see if Sister is available. The committee will meet again on June 27TH at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Eucharistic Revival at St. Francis of Assisi-We are about to start year 2 of the Revival. We are going to have a procession the weekend of Corpus Christi after Mass which is June 11th. Deacon Gary also has books to pass out that weekend after Masses on the Eucharist. Think about what we can do in this next year for the Eucharistic Revival in our Parish.

This will be Janet Morehead's last Parish Council meeting. We thanked her for all her help and wisdom.

Pastor's Comments

First Holy Communion went great, Sister did a great job, along with the May crowning of Mary.

PSR will end on 5/21 with a pizza party. All teachers are coming back next year.

Fr. Shoby is getting the Sisters to help next year with RCIA

Sign-ups for the directory are going great. Currently have 176 families signed up.

We had 36 new families join the Parish since last year

Closing Prayer: Paul Durham

Final Blessing from Fr. Shoby

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

June 5-9 Priest's Retreat- no weekday Masses

June 11th- Corpus Christi procession after 9:30 Mass

June 25th- DDF closes