

St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

February 15, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Jeff Chan at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

Opening Prayer: Clark Parmley

Question of the Week: What is your attitude towards “the law” and the “spirit” of the law? We discussed the true intention: Not what are you doing, but why are you doing it. Example: a child stealing food to give to a poor person, is it really stealing? There are over 600 Mosaic laws but we are to follow the 2 greatest laws.

Minutes of January 18, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved

Old Business

Updated Council roles and responsibilities: Most of the Council was confused on how and what to report on. Linda Howard had contacted Dcn. Gary and went through the Pastoral Plan and the different ministries. This brought up a lively table discussion on what the Parish Council members were responsible for and what we needed to do. And also how do we get other parishioners involved. Jeff Chan will talk to Abbey Fuentes (Office Mgr) about getting the stewardship ministry forms that were previously filled out. An example is that we have an over-abundance of readers. Our thinking is that someone who signed up for that ministry might be interested in something else where they could take a more active part. Also, we only had 31% response out of 241 families.

Bulletin article/updates of Parish Council changes: Final draft was approved and Jeff Chan will submit for inclusion in the bulletin.

New Business

Church expansion update: Seth Hampel shared latest information. Committee meetings have been held, the latest on February 9th. Decisions need to be made on whether we do an expansion, or build a whole new facility. The construction companies need to have a concept and design hammered down before budget can be set. The Council had a lot of questions for Seth to take back to the next building committee meeting.

Round table: John Walraven and Linda Howard, as committee liaisons, asked the Council members to bring light finger foods for Evening of Gratitude on April 14th, at 6:30 (No crock pots, no extension cords). We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate and set up on April 13th at around 6:30.

Reports & List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council: Prayer commitment cards will be distributed at Feb 25th and 26th Masses. Evening of Gratitude will be April 14th, social at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Stewardship conference at Diocese of Wichita is coming up. Desire is for people that are attending to bring back new ideas and get Stewardship going in more positive direction.

Other Parish council members did not report at this time. We will be getting ready for next month and our new responsibilities.

Closing Prayer: Clark Parmley

Final Blessing: Fr. Shoby

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday

Friday, fish fry and Stations of the Cross, start February 24th thru March 31st

Saturday, February 25th, Catholic Men's conference at Springfield Catholic

Monday-Tuesday, March 20-21st, Real Presence Lenten Mission

Saturday, March 25th, Marian Conference at O'Reilly Catholic Student Center

Friday-Saturday, March 31st-April 1st, Diocese Youth Conference in Carthage

Thursday-Sunday, April 6th-9th, Easter Triduum & Easter

Sunday, April 9th, (no class) Easter egg hunt after Mass