

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

January 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Jeff Chan, Paul Durham, Glenda Griest, Chris Johnmeyer, John Walraven, Clark Parmley, and Linda Howard

**Excused Absences:** Cheryl Coffelt, Seth Hampel and Fr. Shoby

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

**Opening Prayer:** Glenda Griest

Jeff read us an article by Bishop Untener to be presented by Cardinal Dearden of Detroit entitled 'Prophets of a future not our own' The article was in the Little Blue Book Advent 2022. Excellent article on how we plant seeds and lay foundations that need further development. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning in what we are doing.

If you would like a copy let me know and I'll have some available.

**Question of the week:** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and testified that he is the Son of God. We discussed Who is Jesus to us.

**Minutes of November 16, 2022 reviewed and approved**

**Pastor's Comments:** thru e-mail since he is OOT. We now need to turn the Pastoral Plan into something practical and into fruition the next 3-5 years.

### Old Business

Building and Sign lighting update-It's done!!! Thank you to Greg Eck, Seth Hampel, Chris Johnmeyer, Angie and Jeff Laurin!!!

Pastoral Plan update- The plan was submitted to the Diocese on December 16. Feedback is that they are very happy with our Plan. Reviewed final version.

### New Business

Discussed new Council liaison roles and responsibilities, with Pastoral Plan update. The plan has 6 objectives, with each having strategies, action steps, persons or ministries responsible for implementation, a list of ministries under each objective and our to-dos.

- 1) Prayer, Sacraments, and focus on the Eucharist- Clark Parmley and Seth Hampel
- 2) Total Stewardship- Glenda Griest
- 3) Youth- Chris Johnmeyer

- 4) Community outreach/service- Paul Durham and John Walraven
- 5) Welcoming new parishioners-Cheryl Coffelt
- 6) Evangelizing/finding new parishioners-Linda Howard

We have 5 to-dos:

- 1) Contact each ministry leader
- 2) Discuss how ministry activity aligns and connects to the primary Pastoral Plan objective
- 3) What are the 2023 goals for that ministry
- 4) What are the 3–5-year goals or desires for the ministry
- 5) What needs or gaps exist for the ministry

Bulletin article- Jeff will work on an article for the bulletin on the two changes we made. Retiring the old by-laws and moving to 3-year terms.

Church expansion update-At this time, they have contacted 4 construction companies for building proposals. Getting information on both expansion of current building and construction of a new Church building. The committee is working on getting all info ready by Fr. Shoby's return.

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

Stewardship Council-Treasury intentions are due this week. Prayer commitment will be Feb 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Evening of gratitude will be April 14<sup>th</sup>, social at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council- no meeting this month due to Fr. Shoby OOT

Liturgical Ministries- Paul Durham would like children's liturgy split up in 2 age groups. Very difficult trying to communicate and teach with 4 year olds and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the same time.

Faith Formation- Deacon Gary is working on training readers and ushers

**Closing Prayer**-Glenda Griest

### **Dates to Remember:**

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Bowl-a-thon  
Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration at St Agnes  
Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ash Wednesday  
Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Fish fry's start  
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Men's conference  
Monday, Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>-Parish Mission