

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

May 18, 2022 7:00 p.m.

### Meeting called to order 7:10 p.m. by Jeff Chan

**Attendance:** Jeff Chan, Fr. Tom Reidy, Glenda Griest, Mike Ecker, Clark Parmley, John Walraven, Paul Durham, Kent Welch, Linda Howard. New members: Cheryl Coffelt, Chris Johnmeyer, and Seth Hampel

Ex-officio attendees: Deacon Gary Steffes, Janet Morehead

**Opening Prayer:** Kent Welch

**Question of the Week:** Discussed the passage “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” This passage took some deep internal reflection.

### Minutes of April 20, 2022 reviewed and approved with corrections

#### Pastor’s Comments:

Fr. Reidy is speaking with Catholic Charities on helping to sponsor a family from Ukraine. Parish council agreed with sponsoring. Father will assign a contact person once he hears from Catholic Charities.

#### Old Business:

Parish Synodal Consultation status & updates: Jeff is very happy with the way the sessions have been going. Good feedback in the session with teens/young adults on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The May 15<sup>th</sup> session was well attended with approximately 40 parishioners attending and 7-8 small group discussions going. May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last session, expecting up to 30 parishioners.

Parish/building signage report: Paul Durham, Greg Eck, Chris Johnmeyer, Deacon Gary, and Linda Howard met on the grounds of the Parish to discuss lighting and what needs to be done. Greg got a bid of \$2800 to replace the lights in the parking lot. Discussed an illuminated sign by the driveway indicating the entrance. Linda will check with M&G signs on possibilities. Chris will replace lights in front of our building once we purchase the lights. We need to purchase a flood light for St Francis statue.

Playground ideas: Fr. Reidy is working with the Diocese on this. It has to be commercial grade equipment. Once we get an OK, John will look into pricing.

Thought exercise on Parish growth – “Double in 5 years”: In 6 weeks we will be back to Maintenance to Mission and Pastoral Plan – Everyone, think, think, think!

## **New Business:**

Annual retreat planning: Fr. Reidy will meet with the 3 volunteers to help plan an agenda. It has to be decided if this is a retreat just for Parish council or with the other 2 councils, Stewardship and Finance. We need to work on the Parish Pastoral Plan, what needs to be accomplished before the end of the year, what do we need to get done. Fr. Reidy suggested that we call it a planning day instead of a retreat. Looking into possibly getting an outside person to lead the workshop, and keep a focused agenda.

Prep for June 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting: This is a big meeting – conclusion of term, committee assignment updates, rearrange, look at roster. We need to act as liaisons for the different committees and how can we look forward to helping these committees. What committees would you like to handle? Think about leadership roles: chair, vice-chair and secretary.

## **Reports & Lists of Planned Activities:**

Stewardship Council: Fall Ministry Fair is being planned for September 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Stewardship will be reaching out to the Ministry chairs this summer. Evening of Gratitude will be in spring 2023. If you or anyone you know would like to be on Stewardship Council, they need some new people as they have lost some members.

Finance Council: No major expenses, more coming in than going out. DDF updated in the bulletin, goes through July.

Liturgical Ministries: No news on ushers or altar servers. For Rosary ministry, Carl shared and celebrated Our Blessed Mother's 104<sup>th</sup> apparition at Fatima with our Rosary family. On May 13<sup>th</sup> he led a group of 12 in a Pro-Life Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood. He is planning another on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Streaming coming along. Resolved recent audio issues in stream. Noah is gone the next 3 weeks, Brandon and Clark will handle. When Noah returns the streaming equipment will begin move to the back of the sanctuary.

Parish Outreach: Loving Stitches is done for the season, will start again in the Fall.

Parish Enrichment, Maintenance, and Outside Groups: Book club is going great.

Last trash pick-up 10-11 people showed. It went great, did a section further than usual, picked up lots of trash. One neighbor even asked where they were from. Good networking activity.

Education: PSR is over for the year. Truby's are moving – reception is planned for the end of June for Renee. Deacon Gary has a half-dozen programs in thought. He will talk with Fr. Reidy and see when they will be offered.

## **Additional Pastor's Comment:**

On May 20 7p.m. at St. Agnes, there will be a new transitional Deacon ordained for the Diocese. On May 27 5:30p.m. at SEAS, there will be 3 Priestly Ordinations. Prayers to all 4 men!

**Closing Prayer:** Kent Welch, with Fr. Reidy giving the final blessing

**Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard, Secretary