

St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:15p.m. by Jeff Chan

Attendance: Jeff Chan, Mike Ecker, Paul Durham, John Walraven, Glenda Griest, Kent Welch, Clark Parmley, and Linda Howard **/Absent** Fr. Tom Reidy

Ex-officio attendees: Deacon Gary Steffes, and Janet Morehead

Opening Prayer: Glenda Griest

Question of the Week: Discussed what role Mary plays in your faith life

Minutes from November 17, 2021 council meeting reviewed and approved

Old Business

Parish/building signage – Paul will follow-up with Greg Eck:

- LED lights
- Meter on the pole to add flood lights at Butterfield and Gregg Rd
- Yellow reflector lights on curbs
- Lighting by St. Francis statue is not on

Process of Updating Parish Pastoral Plan – now due end of December 2022 – see New Business

Report from Ad Hoc Nominating Committee – table for tonight. We need to have some candidates in the next couple of weeks. Jeff will see about making an announcement for candidates at both Masses. Do not wait for the next Parish Council meeting if you have someone interested – let Jeff know. Will also work via email.

You can be on other councils and Parish Council as well – no by-law restricting a person from being on more than one Council

Process/steps for building a new Church – tabled at this time

Playground ideas – John will talk to Greg and get a solid proposal for February meeting

Livestreaming – Clark Parmley and Deacon Gary are still speaking with the technology team and contacting NetWatch concerning our options

New Business

Parish Synodal Consultation

This is a roll down from Rome to all the diocese in the country and the World. How is the Holy Spirit at work in the Parish? What are the challenges we are facing?

The idea is to get people together possibly in a town hall type meeting, then break into small discussion groups with a leader assigned to that group and a person to take notes. Possibly a Saturday night session, and Sunday session and a Youth only session.

Possibility of sessions during the week, potluck dinner to get parishioners in a more comfortable atmosphere in which to speak. The challenge will be getting parishioners to come and participate.

Output will also feed into the update of the parish pastoral plan.

Jeff Chan has graciously accepted being Parish Coordinator for this.

Community outreach idea: Jeff's children came up with a great idea. Nixa now has a dog park not far from our Church. It would be a great place to have a sign letting people know St. Francis is the Patron Saint of animals. He will contact the parks department and see what we can do.

Reports and List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council:

- Prayer commitment
- Evening of gratitude
- Numerous decisions need to be made at this time

Welcoming team has a designated table for new parishioners the 2nd Sunday of the month as the welcoming table

Newsletter will be out in March. If there are any ideas for topics let Stewardship know

Finance Council:

Bringing more money in than spending at this time

Liturgical Ministries:

Will follow-up on training sessions – Deacon Gary had one scheduled for altar servers, but due to Covid, procedures are a changing constant, so on hold for now

Parish Enrichment:

Paul reported that for Liturgical Environment, Deb Harris now has a person to share the responsibility with

Faith Formation:

Catholic Men's Conference coming up on February 26, 2022

On Formed, Lenten formation is there with different days and times to view. Trying to have parishioners watch video during the week then meeting to discuss could be shorter than 55 mins. Deacon Gary will put something on the website.

Closing Prayer: Glenda Griest

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard