

St. Francis of Assisi – Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting – January 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Jeff Chan

Attendance: Paul Durham, Glenda Griest, Chris Johnmeyer, Jeff Chan, Seth Hampel, Linda Howard

Ex-officio Attendance: Deacon Gary Steffes, Julie Clarke

Excused Absence: John Walraven, Cheryl Coffelt, and Clark Parmley

Opening Prayer: Seth Hampel

Question of the Week: If Jesus turned and saw you following him and asked “What are you looking for?”, what would you say? We discussed what we are looking for among us.

Minutes of meeting November 15, 2023 were previously reviewed and approved via email

Old Business

Church Expansion/Capital Campaign update – About a half-dozen people from the major gift phase still need to be contacted. Half of the \$2.2 million goal has been pledged. There are 75-78 people being contacted in the next advanced phase group. Once we get enough funding to start, the Building Committee will be involved again. At this time, just the Capital Campaign committee is meeting.

Eucharistic Revival – Small group meetings for “Jesus and the Eucharist” will begin February 2nd or 3rd. Meetings are being offered at different times, days and places, parishioners’ homes, after Mass on Sundays, Zoom, Facebook and an email group. Thursday night is complete, Monday still has openings. The National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis July 17-21, 2024. More on this at a later date.

Update from ad hoc nominating committee for March 2024 PPC elections – There are 8 possible candidates. They are working on their “bios” so they can be displayed in the community room in February. The nominees are:

- Mary Ann Davis
- Jessica Le
- David Smith
- Tracy King
- Trevor Chan
- Joe Schmitz
- Bob Baker
- Ken Palmero

New Business

Review inputs from Nov 4 Evangelization & Discipleship Summit – Three areas to focus: Growing in Holiness, Forming Intentional Disciples, and Being Sent Forth to Witness. Thoughts from the presenters were: what are we sending out our parishioners to do in the community and the world, and how are we preparing them to do it? We are all here to get each other to Heaven. Need to keep offering encounters with Christ and building relationships with Him.

Feedback from Parish Pastoral Plan with the Parish – It was very good. People commented on how much work was done and were excited to see activity over the next 3-5 years.

Round Table – Jeff Chan brought up the fact that the hard work on the Pastoral Plan starts now. How do we achieve our 3–5-year goals working with our ministries? Ask what help they need; do we need to make announcements for ministries that are lacking volunteers?

Retreat date for 2024 – Deacon Gary will contact people from Wichita that he spoke to last year about doing an All-Councils retreat on Stewardship. Looking at possible dates of August 24, September 7 or 14th, depending on when a speaker is available.

Stewardship conference February 28 and 29th, in Wichita with Monsignor McGread. You can register now. Reach out to Deacon Gary or Julie Clarke.

Pastoral Plan Reports

The Council talked about how to move forward with our Pastoral Plan reports now that the Plan is documented and shared. Each Council member should periodically connect with the leaders of the ministries or activities under their watch to: ensure that goals are set and updated as needed, monitor activities and progress, and quickly raise needs for help or assistance to the attention of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Plan reports in future Council meetings should highlight these things.

Closing Prayer: Seth Hampel

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 28 – Chili cook-off

Feb 4 – Knights Bowl-A-Thon

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 16 – Fish Fry begins, continues through Lent

Feb 21 – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7p.m.