

St. Francis of Assisi – Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting – November 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Jeff Chan

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

Ex-officio Attendance: Deacon Gary Steffes

Excused Absence: Seth Hampel

Opening Prayer: Fr. Shoby

Question of the Week: What keeps you “awake”, attentive, and intentional in your life journey as a disciple of Jesus? This is a great contemplative question. We all reflected personally.

Minutes of meeting October 18, 2023 were reviewed and approved

Old Business

Church expansion/Capital Campaign update – Personal approaches are going well. Sunday presentation on the Church expansion received well with a good turn-out. A proposal to do a Saturday evening presentation was voiced and agreed upon.

Eucharistic Revival update – Good attendance for weekly adoration. Small groups will be starting in January on the Revival.

Update from ad hoc nominating committee – Elections will be held in March. Please start approaching people. Names were mentioned during our meeting and those people will be contacted. We also discussed an announcement being made by Father to the parish, if you know of anyone or you personally would be interested, there is a basket in the lobby to put your name or names in. We have 5 terms expiring – 4 will be elected and 1 appointed. The Council also needs further thought on how to balance term expirations across a 3-year horizon. Status of current Council: (E = elected, A = appointed)

- Jeff Chan – A 2024->2025, 2nd term
- Paul Durham – A 2023->**2024** **, 2nd term, not eligible
- Linda Howard – E 2023->**2024** **, 1st term
- Glenda Griest – E 2023->**2024** **, 2nd term, not eligible
- Cheri Coffelt – E 2024->2025, 1st term
- Clark Parmley – A 2023->**2024** **, 2nd term, not eligible
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New Business

Input from Nov 4th Evangelization and Discipleship Summit – Tabled for next month. Deacon Gary will provide notes from the Summit.

How to best share the new Parish Pastoral Plan with the Parish – We will each prepare a small presentation of our objectives for January 13th and 14th after Mass.

Round Table – Ongoing review of areas that still need help. Will get with Abbey for new lists of volunteers for ministries.

Knights of Columbus have come up with the “Cor” initiative which is focused on getting groups together for prayer. It is for men, and it is for all Christians, not just members of the Knights and you do not have to be Catholic. It is similar to what the men’s conference is focused on. Thoughts were for an evening group for men still in the workforce, and possibly a women’s group too.

No Pastoral Council meeting in December. Next meeting Wed January 17, 2024.

Pastor’s Comments

Sunday Mass at 7:45 has been discontinued at this time. Will look into this in the future if the need arises.

Parish photo directory has been sent in to get our “proof” approved.

Check out the new TV in the gathering space. Everything going on and all announcements will be on there.

Christmas play by the PSR children of St Francis and caroling by the choir will be December 24th before Mass. A time has not been determined yet, be sure to watch the bulletin for times.

Christmas party and appreciation dinner for the staff and Councils will be December 7th. Watch your emails for updates on this.

Closing prayer: Jeff Chan

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, Dec 3 – Nixa Christmas Parade

Thursday, Dec 7 – Staff and Council Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 10 – Youth Mass

Friday, Dec 15-Saturday Dec 16 – Healing Conference at SEAS

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7p.m.