

St Francis of Assis – Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting – October 30, 2024

Meeting Called to order at 7:07 by Bob Baker

Attendance: Bob Baker, Chris Johnmeyer, Trevor Chan, Jeff Chan, Cheryl Coffelt

Ex-officio Attendance: Deacon Gary Steffes, Julie Clarke

Excused Absence: Father Shoby Chettiyath, Tracy King, Joe Schmitz, Ken Palermo

Opening Prayer: Bob Baker

Question of the Week: “love (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength and to love your neighbor as yourself.”

Minutes from September 18, 2024 were approved and accepted.

Old Business

- Church Expansion/Capital Campaign update - Deacon Gary shared that he and Father Shoby and the Building Committee had a meeting with the contractors in which several sample options were presented for flooring and walls and exterior brick. Pictures were presented of the sanctuary with different shades of possible wood options and suggested favorites by the contractors. Initial bids are coming in close to budgeted amount but too soon to be definitive.

New Business

- Communication Ideas- Social Media Team/Committee – Trevor Chan shared that he is looking into the current Facebook pages and the possibility of merging with an Instagram page. Deacon Gary shared that there are currently 4 Facebook Pages

- The Saint Francis Parish Page
 - Saint Francis Cares Page
 - Faith Formation Page - not currently being used
 - Confirmation Page – not currently being used
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- **Ministry Leadership Meeting/Gathering:**
The Committee has planned a meeting to be held at Big Whisky on November 12th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Bob Baker shared an information packet he put together to be presented to help better inform Ministry Leaders about the Pastoral Plan and how each Ministry fits into the plan.
Jeff Chan is going to confirm that all Ministry Leaders are aware of the meeting.

 - **Round Table for other New Business:**
Jeff Chan asked again about ideas to improve opportunities for Adult Formation. He had sent out an email after last month's council meeting but received no responses. He will resend the email and encourages all to respond with suggestions and ideas. Deacon Gary expressed that in the past we have had the best attendance with small group meetings.

Deacon Gary shared that he had arranged for next year's retreat to be held on September 6, 2025 by the same group as this year's retreat as requested by Father Shoby.

Pastorial Plan Reports/Updates:

Prayer, Sacraments & The Eucharist: Chris Johnmeyer had no report at this time.

Total Stewardship: Julie Clarke shared that Stewardship Committee was planning to gift new Baptism families with Baby quilts. She also shared that

the plan is to continue to pray the Stewardship prayer before masses. The Stewardship committee is continuing to create “Stories of Stewardship” presentations by parishioners.

The Evening of Gratitude is set for February 28, 2025.

There is a new group being created for seniors to be called “Young at Heart” and they are working on a group for young couple with children.

Youth: Trevor Chan shared that there is interest in the youth helping with the 70th Anniversary Nixa Christmas Parade. The Parade is December 8th and the registration deadline is December 2nd. There is a need for volunteers. Deacon Gary mentioned that Doug Young might be interested in assisting.

Welcoming Parishioners: Cheri Coffelt shared that she has finalized contacting those who will make up her team and attempting to set up a meeting. Cheri also shared that she and Julie Clarke had a meeting and Julie shared that Father Shoby wants new parishioners to be given crucifix medals and the Welcoming Committee will be working with the Card Ministry to help make that happen.

Evangelizing/Finding New Parishioners: Jeff Chan shared that there is trouble finding volunteers for OCIA. Jeff stated that some some couples can’t attend due to having kids and no child care.

Pastor’s Comments: Deacon Gary shared for Father Shoby. Father Shoby wants to proceed with plans for a Rectory on the Church Property and that the Finance Council and the Bishop have given their approval. Deacon Gary says there will be more information on this issue in the future.

Deacon Gary shared that National Vocation Week is November 3rd thru 9th. The Advent Tea is November 10th.

Deacon Gary also mentioned that Trunk or Treat was well attended.

Closing Prayer: Bob Baker

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Dates to Remember:

Family Adoratoin – December 15th

Bishop's Collection for Catholic Charities - November 23rd & 24th

Parish Council Meeting – December 18th