

St Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

JANUARY 15, 2014 600PM – 7:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Fr. Frank Maroney
TYPE OF MEETING	Scheduled
FACILITATOR	Fr. Frank Maroney
NOTE TAKER	Ray Falce
ATTENDEES	Fr. Frank Maroney, Ray Falce, Richard Mandile, Lola Swedberg, Jeanne Kuhn

Meeting Organization

OPENING PRAYER	Fr. Frank
REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES	Previous minutes for December 2013 Approved with Revisions.
REVIEW AGENDA	A formal agenda was not prepared for the monthly meeting.

Agenda topics

GENERAL TOPICS	
	<p>Father opened the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>OLD Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Father Frank mentioned the new parking with lighting will be completed by spring. <p>FLOOD RELIEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To date the Church has given out \$29,000 for flood relief. - We have been asked if we wanted to be a partner for helping out someone that lost their house in the flood. It would cost us \$6,000 and somebody would match. - Arleen invited 11 parishioners as a gift to the Tea event. <p>GENERAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harvest Campaign – there is a note in the bulletin how to pay off your commitment. - Five new computers were bought for the staff. They will be installed in the coming weeks. - We are still looking at a shorter domain name for St. Francis web site. There are several that are being looked at: SFALongmont.org; SFAssisi.org; and STAssisi.org. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arleen said the new parish directory is completed and will be distributed at all the Masses this coming weekend. She handed out the directory to the Council attendees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ads were sold this time to help pay for the directories • There were 288 photos taken out of a parish family of roughly 600. - Father mentioned that there will be a new Deacon coming to our church. He is being ordained This next week. His name is Deacon George Thierjung. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is not being paid • His first Mass will be at Immaculate Conception which is the Church where he started. • He will probably only be part time when he starts as he has other commitments. - The Christmas collection was really good, we received about \$18,000. For the month it was around \$100,000. - The Archdiocese needs a payment of \$71K because our exemption ran out. Father said that he was going to go and see if we can extend the due date.

- We have been doing well for the first 6 months of the new fiscal year.
- Father mentioned that we need to start looking at getting part time maintenance support. Greg Harris can't do it all. FF is going to ask for volunteers first. This person would help setup in the lower hall, support Greg as required, etc.
- We need to find someone to put up the sound proofing panels in the Narthex.
- The new snow plow/tractor lost a wheel when they backed it out of the garage the last snow fall. The Dealer agreed to fix it.
- FF would like to increase the hours of the Cleaners to get better results.
- We had our Insurance inspection today and we passed.
- Lola discussed having more security cameras that are wireless, inexpensive and can see on your iPhone. Maybe this would help having to go to check out the church on every call from the security company.
- It was suggested that those that have keys should have some kind of card that shows how to work the door codes for the alarm system. A lot of the security calls are nuisance calls because somebody forgot how to use the codes.
- We will still owe about \$10-15k on the parking lot after the work is completed in the spring.
- FF mentioned that there were 3-4 comments from people about not being allowed into Church for the 4:00PM Mass. There was standing room only but no seats they still should have been allowed in the church and could go to the lower level.
 - Maybe we need to look at reserving pews for the 4:00 PM Mass. I guess there were some people saying that somebody was sitting in their pews (the ones with their name on them). We need to get the word out that those pews are not reserved for them.
- Attendance has been good over the past several week-ends with over 1100 attending Mass. This past weekend there were 1100+.
- Lola mentioned that she would like to see a new Nativity scene, maybe a little larger so it can be seen.
 - FF said that he is looking for one for the outdoors similar to St. John's with Plexiglas covering the front.
- Mardi Gras is currently scheduled for March 1st
- A party for Canonization for John Paul is scheduled for April 25th and is a full parish function.
- There were some questions as to the status of the New Church. When will it be and is it still in the plans. FF responded that it is still in the Master plan but we need to pay for the current church before we can borrow more money from the Archdiocese.
- Arleen had several pieces of information to share with us:
 - There were 200 women that attended the Tea church function.
 - There are 78 people in the ACTS class.
 - There are two Endow classes going on and about 5-8 women in each class.
 - February 13th is Bunko night for the ladies of the parish, thus far there are 68 signed up.
 - February 23rd is a Faith and Science parish meeting with a speaker from California.
 - There will be a Faith & Finance workshop March 7th and 8th, see handout. FF is helping this effort from a cost standpoint. Arleen needs help from the Council to push this program. There is an \$800 fee for the services of the speaker.
 - The Parish book club will start again for five week ends during Lent. Charlie is looking at books that might be used.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR February 26th AT 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

ADJOURNED - 7:30 PM