

St Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED BY

21 MAY 2014

600PM – 7:30 PM GENERAL TOPICS

Fr. Frank Maroney

TYPE OF MEETING

Scheduled

FACILITATOR

Fr. Frank Maroney

NOTE TAKER

Ray Falce

ATTENDEES

Fr. Frank Maroney, Deacon George, Ray Falce, Jeanne Kuhn, Richard Mandile, Reg Valencia, Dennis Graham

Meeting Organization

OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Frank

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES

Previous minutes (April/May) corrected. Motion to approve previous meeting minutes with changes and seconded, unanimous approval.

REVIEW AGENDA

A formal agenda was not prepared for the monthly meeting.

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

Old Business/General

- The building fund is up to \$150K.
- Ben will be providing a Youth Program update to the Parish at all the Masses this coming weekend.
- Deacon George completed the Stephen Ministry Workshop and will be meeting with the current team. They will determine the next course of action.
- Father is going to look at additional window shades for several of the windows in the Church. Several members of the Parish have made this request.
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New Business/General

- Father is getting prices for getting a cement pad with an overhead roof that can be used for picnics and anything else in the summer. This would be placed in an area on the empty lot west of the Church.
- Father wants to look at different possibilities for landscape maintenance for next year at the end of the current landscape contract.
- Looking at hiring more temporary personnel, particularly for RE.
- Hiring another part time Family Ministry person, namely Judy Cabrera.
- Father mentioned they are going to add 10-15K to the budget for Adult Education. It will be used for books, DVD's etc.
- The staff are going to get raises this year and will be around 6%.
- Father Frank is thinking about a new rectory. Thinks there is enough cash plus his old rectory that could be used for it. There were some cautions that the council thinks he should consider before making this decision.
- One of the council members suggested that we pay ahead on the loan with the Archdiocese. Father said that we should not do this because of an issue that happened and with another church. Near the end of the loan we can consider paying ahead.
- We are doing well on our current budget plan. A new proposed budget is going to the Finance Committee tomorrow.
- We can't start a new campaign until we get closer to retiring our current debt. The Archdiocese will tax any money we get for a campaign.
- Discussion on how do we become the church for the Lord. We want to continue offering classes so that we can help people to grow in their faith and have them become disciples.
- Father recognizes that his sermons have changed over the past couple of years particularly taking a gentle approach on abortion, emphasizing God's forgiveness.
- Becky is taking some time to think about and plan for a men's retreat.
- Father mentioned that attendance has been close to 1100 at the Sunday Masses.
- Since Ben is leaving, there is a committee being formed to find a new Youth Minister. Father would like that person to live a little closer so that he can attend our Sunday Masses and be more available for the youth.
- We will have a June meeting then take July off. Meet again on August 13th.

ACTION ITEMS
PERSON RESPONSIBLE
DEADLINE

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY June 11th AT 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM