

St Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

1 JANUARY 2016

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, Reggie Valencia, Jeanne Kuhn, Arleen Mac; Bob Pries; Lola Swedberg, Dennis Graham

Meeting Organization

OPENING PRAYER	Fr. Frank
REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES	Previous minutes (November) were corrected and approved.
REIVEW AGENDA	A formal agenda was not prepared for the monthly meeting.

Agenda topics

GENERAL TOPICS	
DISCUSSION	<p>Father opened the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The matching \$50K building fund ended January 10th. We were able to collect a total of \$200K. - Father mentioned that he left a message for our Architect at EIDOS to revisit and update the Master Plan for the Church Development. - Dennis brought up that the needs of men in the Parish Survey was completed and need a decision when to publish. - Jeanne brought up the subject of Masses on Saturdays at the last meeting. After some thought Father Frank decided that there would not be Saturday Masses except for 1st Saturdays. The basic rule is a Priest normally can't do more than three Masses on weekends. - Another of Jeanne's items was with regard to a semi-trailer be allowed to park on Church property for Operation Christmas Child. Father approved this request for a two-week period and can park it on the dirt on the West end. <p>New Business/General</p>

- A new parish Survey will be taken in the early part of Lent. It will be on the Parish web site and also available on hard copy. Please encourage parishioners to fill out the survey. It will provide good feedback for the Parish as well as the Archdiocese.
- Fr. Frank asked for some opinions with regards to the Christmas Masses:
 - Not doing enough familiar songs during the Christmas Season
 - It is little known that the Advent Season is in preparation for Christmas.
 - 900 attendees at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
 - A lot of disappointment at no choir at the midnight (10:00 PM) midnight Mass.
 - It was suggested that the adult choir be at the 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM Masses on Christmas Eve.
 - It was suggested that there be a children's choir at the 4:00 PM Mass since a large number of children attend that Mass.
 - It was suggested that maybe a Cantor is appropriate for the basement when Mass is televised.
 - Arleen mentioned that we are at a high level with our music and it is all due to our choir Director Mike Kilcoyne.
- A question was asked if we need an Usher at the curb to help those that needed it for Sunday Masses.
- Father Frank mentioned that we need to put God first and be more respectful before Mass. How do we get people to be more quiet in the Narthex before Mass.? It wouldn't hurt after Mass either.
- Arleen mentioned that we are at a high level with our music and it is all do to our choir Director Mike Kilcoyne.
- Father introduced our newest member of the Parish Council, Bob Pries.
- Jeanne mentioned that Operation Christmas Child was a large success again beating 2014's shoe box collection. We packaged 846 boxes this past year.
- Father Frank will be doing Thursday evening confessions during Lent.
- The Book Club will be starting again in early February. The book is titled "The Holy Year of Mercy" and contains reflections by Pope Francis.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
1. Update the Master Plan for Planning Dept.	Father Frank	ASAP
2. Serving the Needs of the Parish Women, need a write-up.	Arleen Mack	Next Meeting
3. Men of the Parish Survey needs published	Dennis Graham	Decision

NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 PM

We closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned.