

St Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council ("Council") Meeting Minutes

6/29/2022 – 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Definition: Minutes are meant to give an outline of what happened in the meeting, not a record of who said what. The focus is on understanding what's being discussed and on recording what's been assigned or decided on.

In Attendance: Fr Roger Abadano; Chair, Austin Schmitt; Vice Chair, Marilyn Gilbert; Secretary, Ruth Morton; Patti Highley; John Morton

Called to order at 2:00 pm by Austin; John opened the meeting with a prayer

Old Business:

- Continued discussions on children's religious education; met with Matthew Pietsch, who is able and willing to help with this, on Sundays during the Gospel and Homily; a second person must be present, per Virtus requirements; Fr Roger and Austin will continue reaching out to prospective candidates
- Continued discussions on attendance of Sweet Briar students at Mass; Austin will contact our Pastoral Care Committee to see if transportation help is feasible starting next Fall; Austin will contact Rachel Pietsch to discuss transportation of international students starting this Summer

New Business

- Fr Roger confirmed that, consistent with Diocesan policy, St Francis will not put names on donated items
- Fr Roger reiterated that the Pastoral Council is a consultative body, bringing the needs of the Parish to the pastor, which benefits everyone
- Following attendance at a recent Deanery meeting, Austin passed on a reminder that excellence in liturgy and sacred music is required; to better fulfill this requirement, Fr Roger will ask the Finance Committee to consider hiring, at a reduced rate, a professional pianist for Saturday Masses and Sunday Masses in the absence of Carol Anderson
- "Parishioner Concerns" will be added to the Council's agenda so that individual Council members can bring to the whole Council's attention any parishioner concerns he or she received since the last Council meeting
- Minutes are filed in the office; discussed adding a link to the minutes in our online bulletin in the future

Business moved to next meeting:

- Review/update Vision Statement
- Review/update Core Values
- Consider realignment of committees and ministries
- Review/update Parish Plans (one-year, three-year, five-year)

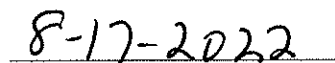
Adjourn Meeting

- Closing prayer
- Next Council meeting will be held on August 17, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM

Prepared by:



Ruth Morton, Council Secretary



Date



Austin Schmitt, Council Chairman



Date