

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 15th, 2023
7 PM

The meeting was opened with a prayer

Those present were Fr. Doke, Brad Jones, Steve Kliethermes, Francis Butel, Joe Petska, Jennifer Benne, Julie Clingman, Anne Hackman, Anne Schulte, Mariam Kuensting, Christine Schwant, Bob Hackman, and Denise Brand. Those excused were Dewayne Clingman, Kathy Jarman, and Chad Vocks.

The Minutes were reviewed and approved. Move to approve Mariam Kuensting, Second Anne Hackman.

LONG RANGE PASTORAL PLANNING: We were asked to think about ways to move forward with the Formation Pillar.

Denise Brand suggested creating a library/book box with an actual library in the Parish Office. Other thoughts were to create a book club, host a parish movie night, hold classes for the parents of those receiving the sacraments for the first time. Once the library was established we could then share information regarding it on our parish Facebook page.

Joe Petska suggested forming small groups who would study Catholic basics.

Brad Jones stated that he offers new programs from the Formed platform with his adult faith sharing groups. Once they finish one program then they start another.

It was suggested that we work toward some sort of sharing platform among the parishioners.

We could do a refresher on how to receive the sacrament of Communion properly.

FACILITIES: Father has spoken with different contractors who are parishioners. They will be scheduling an open discussion with all of them how to best proceed.

More information to come.

At this time we have no further information regarding remodeling or building a new church. We are still waiting for information from the architect with his proposal.

FINANCE: There are no big changes as we are almost one third of the way through our fiscal year/budget. Income remains down while expenses remain up. We are still waiting on EASE money to come through. The finance committee is watching and monitoring. The past two months we have not been in the negative. Our up front parish fees have been met.

They are working toward a Federal safety grant which can be used to put safety glass in

all the windows on ground level, assist in purchasing blood born pathogen equipment and intruder training for our staff.

The city of St. Martins is doing a growth study and that information should be available early spring.

Areas of growth in St. Martin...

The homes on Carol road are selling fast.

The townhouses on Henwick lane will be under construction soon.

Commercial buildings with Farmer's market are coming soon.

There will be a development off Rainbow with townhouses and a gated community.

Assisted living units are in the works behind the water district building.

SCHOOL NOTES:

They have finished up the Veteran's Day Celebration. Sixty of our students participated in the Bugle Boy celebration.

The classes held Halloween party. The support for the Logan's event is being worked on. The event will be January 6th with dinner, live auction, silent auction, dessert dash and other activities. The next planning meeting will be November 16th at 7.

STEWARDSHIP:

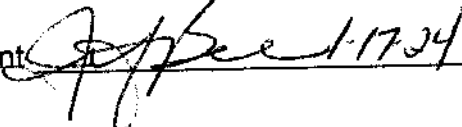
299 forms have been submitted. There was discussion about personal invites for those who have not submitted theirs. If your form has not been submitted by January 1,, 2024 you will be removed from the different lists.

The tractor parade with cookies and cocoa prior to is planned. There is a cookie sign up sheet in the back of church for the event.

The next meeting will be January 17th, at 7 PM.

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 7:57.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariam Kuenstin, Acting Secretary

Signed PC President  Pastor 