

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2015 - 7:00 pm; Parish Center Library

 x_ Debbie Clingingsmith

exc Dick Crippen

 x_ Ann Dufour

 x_ Darrin Greer

exc Tami Gutierrez

exc Kala Haley

 x_ Margaret Healey, Chair

exc Tricia Helm

 x_ Bob Knapik

 x_ Bob Lavelle

 x_ Dennis Mahoney

 x_ Kent Meyers

exc Jose Michel

exc Sam Palko

 x_ Penny Tafoya

 x_ Fr. Ken Laverone, OFM

exc Fr. Sebastian Sandoval, OFM

1. Welcome and Roll Call

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Margaret.
- Attendance was confirmed by Margaret.

2. Opening prayer was read by all.

3. Review of agenda and approval of October 2015 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes with correction to the spelling of Bob Knapik's name was made, seconded, and carried.

4. Addition to agenda: Baptismal font report by Jean Iacino

- Regarding the shape of the baptismal font: The information polled from the people attending the first meeting is for designing a cruciform shaped font or an octagonal shaped font.
- Regarding the placement of the font: The information polled from the people attending the second meeting leans towards keeping it where it is currently.
- The committee is meeting with Mary Rose, the designer, for further dialogue. The leanings are towards an octagonal shape and use parts of the old font.
- The council will be kept informed and updates will be announced in the bulletin as they occur.

9. Parishioner Input

1) From Jean Iacino: needs clarification regarding the school parking lot on Wednesday nights for the Taize Prayer gathering. The gates are not consistently open at the appointed time. To be opened at 5:45 p.m. would be ideal. Fr. Ken will handle.

2) Since November is a month where we offer special prayers for the dead, the Taize prayer group has included them in their services this month. Jean Iacino

would like to see a parish-wide remembrance of our loved ones, not just the Taize prayer group.

- Temperature in church was cold the past weekend
- There is no light in the corridor by the friary transept
- Inquiry about changing the Saturday vigil Mass time to 4:30
- Inquiry about the parish covenant of sharing
- The carpet in the church sanctuary steps has tears on the corners. Possibility for repair?

15. Pastor's remarks:

- Church ceiling repair: Upon closer observation, the workers are seeing more damage to the ceiling. There are many cracks and small bubbling that had not been seen at the initial evaluation. They can leave it and we would be looking at the same type of repair 15-20 years from now. Repairing it correctly means more time and more labor intensive plus an additional \$35,000.00. Fr. Ken gave the go ahead to fix. There are sufficient monies in the *ceiling repair budget* to cover the additional charges. The workers are bringing in extra hands so that the timeline for completion is not stalled.
- The men's bathroom renovation is complete
- Appraisal of our ministries; identify the breadth - where can volunteers offer assistance – visit ministry chair and have a dialogue

19. Pastoral Plan Committee reports:

- Liturgy: The chairperson, Bob Knapik met with Beth White, the liturgist: affirmed the council's support in this ministry. Currently, there is more outreach towards the youth for lectors and EM's and working towards more outreach to the young adult group, talk with Patrice Clemons.
- Evangelization, the chairperson, Penny Tafoya has met with Skip Bacon, the faith formation director. Skip has all the areas of faith formation under control. Affirmed the council's support. Penny submitted spreadsheet to Fran for upload to DropBox .
- Outreach: report from Galen was attached
- School: Report from Tami was attached
- Confirmed Committee Chairs:

Outreach: Margaret

Evangelization: Penny

School/Parish: Sam

Finance: Debbie

Liturgy & Spirituality: Bob

Facilities: Dick.

25. Grief Support Ministry update:

- Ann met with Galen to discuss what would be the best meeting space, day of the week and time of day for the Grief Support Group. Galen will explore the availability of meeting in St. Clare's Chapel on a Saturday early afternoon (1 – 3). The program is a Christian-based 6 week series, repeated quarterly to begin with. The ultimate goal is to have an ongoing group with a team of facilitators who would alternate facilitating. Galen and Ann will do one-on-one support if needed in between scheduled sessions. The goal is to start January 2016 or early February, depending on availability of St. Clare's chapel. Flyers/brochures will be left in the back of the chapel and will be included in the funeral packet.

9. Finance Council report: Dennis Mahoney reports no change at this time.

10. Discussion on the conclusion of *"Francis of Assisi and His conversions."* Bob Knapik led this discussion – as we finished reading the booklet, group members shared their view of St. Francis.

11. Upcoming event: Christmas party – Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Kent Myers.

12. Next meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2016 (location to be determined)

- Opening/closing prayer: Ann Dufour

Closing prayer read by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.