

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting
Regular Meeting
Sept. 1, 2015, 7:00 pm; Parish Center

<u>exc</u> Debbie Clingingsmith	<u>x</u> Tricia Heim	<u>x</u> Sam Palko
<u>x</u> Dick Crippen	<u>x</u> Bob Knapick	<u>x</u> Penny Tafoya
<u>x</u> Ann Dufour	<u>exc</u> Bob Lavelle	<u>x</u> Fr. Ken Laverone
<u>x</u> Darrin Greer	<u>x</u> Dennis Mahoney	<u>x</u> Fr. Sebastian Sandoval
<u>x</u> Tami Gutierrez	<u>x</u> Kent Meyers	
<u>x</u> Kala Haley	<u>exc</u> Jose Michel	
<u>x</u> Margaret Healey, chair		

1. Welcome and Roll Call
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Margaret.
 - Attendance was confirmed by the secretary.
2. Opening prayer was led by Ann.
3. Review of agenda and approval of August minutes. A motion to approve the minutes without amendments was made, seconded, and carried.
4. Parishioner Input
 - Some parishioners mentioned that the railing leading to the ambo is too long and unwieldy, and were wondering if the railing could be bent. Fr. Ken prefers people to use the ramp instead of the stairs.
 - A parishioner with children asked about involving their children with altar ministry. The parish recently started allowing confirmed youth altar servers. Fr. Ken would like to see more youth involved in Mass, as long as they fit into expectations.
 - The lift in Brunsman Hall is currently out of order. There have been comments about it, and there was a notice about it in the last bulletin.
 - People are very appreciative of the low-gluten hosts and mustum. We are currently the only parish in the diocese that offers it.
 - The bylaws committee to review absentee ballot policy has not met yet. The committee is going to focus on the absentee ballots, not the election date. There have been significant complaints about the election day date over the years. The new election day date will be Pentecost Sunday, or the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday if that date coincides with Mother's Day.
 - The lights in Brunsman Hall aren't working; several areas are too dark to safely accommodate people with certain disabilities.
5. Pastor Remarks
 - The parish is advertising for a full-time liturgist and musical director. There have been 2-3 strong music candidates so far.
 - Joe found a blacksmith to repair the lift in Brunsman Hall. The date to begin repairs has not been set.

- The school is doing great with the new lighting, fans, and air conditioning. The rooms are about 20 degrees cooler than they have been. Br. Mark is teaching 6th grade religion, and Skip Bacon is teaching 8th grade religion. It is still unclear if this will be a permanent arrangement, though Br. Mark may end up being permanent.
 - Some people approached about taking on a drought-resistant landscape project for the church.
 - A parishioner who runs a halfway house for men getting out of prison agreed to help replace the chandelier lights in the church. This approach will save about \$6,000 to \$8,000 in labor costs.
 - Two bids for painting the church interior will be presented to the Finance Council. The schedule for the project still needs to be settled, but the project will not disrupt church services.
 - Bathroom remodeling starts on September 20th.
 - The city is determining the best way to plaster the church exterior.
 - Work continues on the catechesis for the baptismal font. Penny and the project committee toured several churches to get ideas; most don't have immersion fonts. Jean is conducting catechesis on the symbolism of baptism and water on September 15th, and will discuss locations for the font on September 27th.
 - Still looking into solar power options.
 - The Lenten retreat will be run by Fr. Joe Negle, and will focus on the spirituality of the Laudate See.
 - Ten parishioners are attending the Junipero Serra canonization in Washington DC. A simulcast will be held at the church at 1:15 on Wednesday, September 23rd. A reliquary will be presented, as well as a woven banner that will go to the Carmel Mission.
6. Discussion of St. Francis and His Conversions took place. Kent led this month's discussion of Chapter 6. Darrin will lead the discussion of Chapter 7 at the October meeting.
7. Pastoral Plan Updates
- School-parish work is flourishing. Students are doing daily prayers on St. Francis's conversions prior to Junipero Serra's canonization, and the school will have its own booth at the parish picnic. There will be an open house at the school after Mass on October 11th. Students getting more involved with Mass and social justice is a big part of the pastoral plan.
8. Pending Items
- Next month's meeting will be held on October 13th; the location is pending.
 - Bob will lead the opening prayer for the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.