

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; online via Zoom
Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Ed Condon, present	Melba Hinojosa, present
Francine Freitas, present	Sue Kenney, present
Jo Gonsalves, excused	Patrick Mahan, present
Darrin Greer, vice chair, excused	Emer McKenna, acting secretary, present
Margaret Healy, excused	Bob Reid, chair, present
Linda Hill, present	Janet Vitt, secretary, excused

Also attending was J.D. Warrick of the parish staff.

Chair Bob Reid opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., and Sue Kenney led a prayer.

The minutes of the March 08, 2022, regular council meeting were reviewed and Emer noted that the Faith Formation content needs to be updated. The minutes were approved as corrected upon motion by Sue Kenney, seconded by Patrick Mahan. They will be posted on the parish website.

Chair's Report: Bob Reid provided the following updates:

- Farewell Reception for Fr. Des - Bob shared that a committee consisting of Principal Hrga, Janet Stites, Beth White, Bob Reid and Emer McKenna has been formed to organize a celebration for Fr. Des. There will be a reception immediately following the 9:30 a.m. mass (~11:00 a.m.) on Sunday June 5, 2022 reception. The current plan is to host the reception in the Church parking lot, but that may change. We will also plan something for Fr. Des' final 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, June 26, 2022.
- Lenten Food Drive - Bob wanted to thank Melba Hinojosa immensely for all her work leading the Lenten Food Drive. Bob also thanked the committee that worked with Melba as well. The Lenten Food Drive turned out to be great success. The rest of the parish council joined Bob in extending their appreciation.
- Family Promise – the parish sent our March donation of \$925 to Family Promise.

Staff Liaison Report: JD Warrick shared the following updates:

Channel Subscribers: Total of 526 subscribers to the St. Francis of Assisi Channel to date, up from 514 last month.

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. MASS

03/13/22 – The Second Sunday of Lent – 168 views
03/20/22 – The Third Sunday of Lent – 194 views
03/26/22 – Confirmation (5:15 p.m. Mass) – 125 views
03/27/22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – 169 views
04/03/22 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – 197 views
04/10/22 – Palm Sunday – 173 views

OTHER VIDEOS

03/09/22 – Taize – 41 views
03/09/22 – Stations of the Cross – 21 views
03/11/22 – Stations of the Cross – 25 views
03/16/22 – Taize – 26 views
03/16/22 – Stations of the Cross – 9 views
03/18/22 – Stations of the Cross – 25 views
03/23/22 – Taize – 43 views
03/23/22 – Stations of the Cross – 14 views
03/25/22 – Stations of the Cross – 13 views
03/30/22 – Taize – 24 views
03/30/22 - Stations of the Cross – 5 views
04/01/22 – Stations of the Cross – 7 views
04/06/22 – Taize – 12 views
04/06/22 – Stations of the Cross – 25 views
04/08/22 – Stations of the Cross – 13 views

Ed Condon asked JD if there were any plans to use the data from the live streaming, or any plans to create survey tools around this to see if people want to continue streaming or return to mass. For example, Ed was at the 9:30 a.m. mass the past two Sundays and it looked like the attendance is increasing and he was wondering if there was plans to add the noon mass back to keep people comfortable. JD said that he doesn't know if noon mass will be added back but we have made overflow in Brunsman available, although we haven't needed it as yet. JD said that it may be a better question post Easter as we anticipate a drop in attendance.

Additional Staff Updates – JD shared the following staff updates from John Iosefa:

- The parish is in the process of polishing our bells - Mary Sinko is leading this effort.
- The choir will be off for summer after June 19.
- The church alarm has been installed and the main doors to church have been rekeyed. Any previous keys you have will not work.

Sue Kenney asked if the choir will be present at the farewell mass for Fr. Des on June 26. JD will speak to John to confirm. Francine asked if we are planning anything special for the June 26 mass, or is it just Fr. Des last mass. Bob said that we will plan something special for that mass to thank Fr. Des. Bob mentioned that when a new priest is assigned to a parish sometimes there is an installation ceremony by the bishop and at other times there is not.

Membership/May Election: Bob provided an updated on behalf of Darrin Greer. The amended bylaws were approved last month. Fr. Des wanted the parish council to proceed with the election this year as there are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. Bod, Darrin and JD met to discuss the election process and there is a template that can be used to send out an announcement in bulletin. The template needs to be updated with this year's election information such as the location, and reference to Covid-19 guidelines. The announcement will be in the bulletin during month of April and election will be in May – could be as late as the end of May. The June parish council meeting will certify election and nominate/appoint officers. Only issue is what do we do for people who do not feel comfortable coming to a crowded mass indoors to vote in person? As part of the voting process we need to be able to certify if

they are registered members of the parish. This verification/validation presents challenges to vote anonymously electronically – not enough lead time to establish an electronic process. Patrick Mahan suggested placing the election/voting stations outside in the breezeway or outside the front of the church if people are not comfortable attending mass indoors yet. Emer McKenna agreed that having the voting stations outside the front of the church would be good, and may make people feel more comfortable about voting.

Bob reported that Darrin spoke to current members of parish council that were up for reelection and one parish council member will be running for reelection. Bob asked the parish council to educate anyone they know that may be interested in running, or would be a good fit for the parish council, on the election process as not everyone reads the bulletin.

Sue Kenney asked if there was some way for people to be nominated. Bob Reid said yes, it is the same nomination process as prior years. You can self-nominate by filling out the nomination form, or you can be nominated by other people in the parish.

Same process from last time. If you want to run, fill out a nomination. People from Parish can be nominated

Lenten Food Drive: Melba reported that we had a successful, smooth Lenten Food drive and that the Food Bank was very grateful and had already sent Fr. Des a thank you letter for all the support. Melba thanked everyone involved including: Francine Freitas, Judy Miranda, Patrick Mahan, Ed Condon, Beth Mullen and Bob Reid, and the school. She said that lots of people helped including the parishioners, and students/parents from the school. Melba is working on a Thank You letter to our parishioners, volunteers, and the parents and students from the school for all their support in helping make the food drive such a great success.

Ed Condon commented that he found it interesting that the Food Bank folks were settling a family from Ukraine, and asked if there is anything that the parish needs to jump on to continue assistance. Melba said that there is a Ukrainian refugee effort going on at the diocesan level. Ed asked if there was anything that the parish council can jump on to help elevate the various efforts – it doesn't have to be a project of ours, just a way to elevate what efforts are going on so that others are aware. It helps give a sense of hope if you can take action. Emer McKenna and Francine Freitas suggested putting something in the parish bulletin to let our parishioners know about the diocesan effort, and other efforts.

Parish Gala: Melba reported that they have been collecting donations and handing out flyers at different masses to promote the Gala. Clayton Whitehead is doing a great job leading this effort. Other members of the Gala Committee include Judy Miranda, Francine Freitas, Kelley Parades, Mike Falasco and Rose Richards. Francine added that the Gala Committee has been meeting regularly once a month, and the next meeting will be Saturday, April 30. The Gala will be held Saturday August 27, 2022 at Sacramento's Hilton Hotel. Ticket sales are ongoing with the Early bird Special rate of \$65 available to the end of June, after which the ticket price goes up to \$75.

Elementary School-CSAC Report: Ed reported on the school accreditation. Ed reviewed some of the accreditation documents that were sent to the school advisory committee and helped answer some questions specific to the Church/School relationship.

LGBT Ministry: Ed reported that we received information from Fr. Ken that the retreat house at San Juan Bautista will be hosting a LGBTQ+ retreat from May 20, 2022 thru May 22, 2022 at the St. Francis

Retreat house. The retreat is titled At-One-Ment with God - Building Bridges and will be led by Richard Jaco and Jan Stegner. Fr. Ken asked Ed to share this info out with the St. Francis of Assisi LGBT list, so it will go out through the listserv. Would be good to also advertise the retreat in the parish bulletin. Information on the retreat can be found on the events page of the St. Francis Retreat website: <https://sfr.retreatportal.com/events>

Faith Formation: The children continue to do well online. Confirmation was held on Saturday, March 26, at the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The Vicar General, Fr. Chris Frazer, was there to confirm parish young people, 21 SFE students and 10 Faith Formation students. Special thanks to Kent for doing such a great job preparing our young parishioners for their Confirmation.

We have 12 Faith Formation children getting ready to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion on Saturday, April 30. Reconciliation will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by the First Communion Mass at 11:00 a.m. The children and their families are very excited. Huge thank you to all our Catechists this year (Kent Meyers, Jo Gonsalves, Melissa Terry, and Stacie and Jared Jensen) for all they do in helping our children prepare for their Sacraments and growth in their faith. RCIA - Shari Roeseler and Andrea Peters have prepared 15 people that will be receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil mass this Saturday, April 16, 2022. Big thank you to Shari and Andrea. The children from Saint Francis Elementary will be making their First Reconciliation and First Communion in May.

The next council meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Francine Freitas and Emer McKenna will provide the opening and closing prayers, respectively.

There being no more business, Patrick Mahan led the Council in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emer McKenna, acting secretary