

St. Francis Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, May 09, 2023
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Parish Library

Call to Order (Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Emer McKenna at 6:00 pm.

Opening Prayer

Sister Libby led the PPC in a prayer.

Roll Call (Secretary)

The following members were present:

Melba Hinojosa, Sr. Dorothy McCormack, Janine Neely, Marco Montano, Marcia Rooney, Sr. Libby Fernandez, Emer McKenna (Vice Chair), Fr. Rey.

Special Thank You to Marco for providing food for the meeting.

Invited Guest:

The vice chair welcomed John Brozek to the meeting. John provided the council with an overview of the work that was performed prior to the pandemic by the St. Francis of Assisi Safety Committee. The committee focused on educating the St. Francis of Assisi Parish community on what to do in the event of Fire, Active Threat or an Earthquake. John would like approval to start up this effort again including presentations to the parishioners.

PPC agreed, and goal is for fall 2023. Sr. Libby and Marcia offered to help. Emer will send John a copy of the trifold flyer that the Safety Committee created in 2020.

Review of past meeting minutes – April 11, 2023

- Corrections noted by Sr. Dorothy.
- Minutes approved as corrected upon motion by Melba, seconded by Sr. Libby.

Pastors Report

- Pastor shared that the Faith Formation program has wrapped up, and it was a satisfying year made successful by the volunteers.
- Beth White helped this year with CFF. Emer McKenna and Sara Pietrowski will be the CFF coordinators for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year. The parish is in the process of hiring an office admin to handle the associated paperwork.
- Melba will prepare the students for Confirmation again next year. Next year we will be interviewing the parents and kids – with a focus on family catechesis.
- Fr. Rey would like a revival of the Eucharist in the Church.
- Fr. Rey shared a vision to create one single youth group between St. Elizabeth, Sacred Heart, St. Francis and the Cathedral parishes.

- Sound system is a top priority. Parish is waiting for a proposal from the company and hoping work will be completed by September.
- Judy Miranda will be moving to Washington in late May. She will be honored at Francis Fest. Marco will provide a card at 7:30 and 9:30 masses to be signed by the council.

Chairs Report

- Janet Vitt Donations. Discussion followed in absence of Chair:
 - Records are independently itemized by donation. When donations are made they are recorded by the bookkeeper. The subsequent bookkeeper will have to catch up and find the donation amount and identify the beneficiary.
- Parishioner Security Proposal
 - John Brozek reached out to PPC regarding plans for safety. John was asked to receive an invite to the parish council meeting from Fr. Rey. Fr. Rey invited John to speak. In the interests of time, John spoke at the beginning of the meeting.
- Francis Fest
 - Volunteer opportunity – there is a call for volunteers in the bulletin.
 - Immunizations will be provided by Safeway, main booth for tickets, a lot of items to sell, a lot of work accomplished.
- Monthly Charity Collection
 - Melba proposed that we consider reestablishing a monthly food collection. In the past a cart would be placed at the back of the Church for food donations – food went to Loaves & Fishes and River City Food Bank.
 - Who would handle it? We would need a volunteer to coordinate it.

Outreach Report

- Diaper Drive – almost 8000 diapers collected. Marco and Ed to deliver on Friday 5/12/23 to Well Spring.

School Liaison Report

- Boys' volleyball team, 1st in division; great season.
- JV varsity track, girls' flag football, co-ed golf.
- IB Certification coming for the school in the near future.
- Admissions story – received 80 applications for 54 openings, 51 accepted so far across all grades.
- Summer school/camps planned for the summer at the school.
- Continue to go through the bid process for grant funding.

Town Hall

- Committee includes Ed, Marcia and Sr. Libby.

- Two dates planned: June 24, 2023 and September 30, 2023, 9am-11am, in Brunsman Hall.

Other Business

- Liturgy Committee – growing in numbers, needs to grow more.
 - Action: Janine will send Fr. Rey list of Liturgy Committee from December 6th
 - Lectors, acolytes - continue to do the planning work. A group from the diocese will do the formation part.
 - Eucharistic Minister - Dave Elliott is providing training for Eucharistic Ministers.
- Rebuilding Our Church Memo – Task to rank the suggestion in terms of priority.
 - Marco: #1 Eucharistic Revival; #2 Renew & Strengthen ties between parish & school; #3 targeted survey; #4 stewardship campaign
 - Marcia: #1 Stewardship (Marcia shared Steward's Prayer handout); rebuilding our church – put on agenda for next meeting.
 - Janine: #1 Stewardship; #2 database for parishioners – survey contact.
 - Sr. Libby: #1 Stewardship; #2 Surveys/database
 - Melba: #1 Rebuilding our church; #2 Stewardship
 - Sr. Dorothy: #1 Eucharistic Revival
 - Emer: #1 Eucharistic Revival

Announcements

- Mass to Re-activate the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity of Sacramento will be held Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 1pm in the church. All are welcome. Fr. John Hardin and Fr. Rey will celebrate the mass. Announcement will be posted in the bulletin and on the parish Facebook page.

Next meeting Agenda Items

- Statue of St. Clare (August 11 is goal for statue to be placed behind the lectern).

Next meeting prayer leaders –

- Open – Marcia
- Close – Janine

Next meeting 6/13/23 at 6 pm

Adjourn 7:54pm