

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; In Person
Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Libby Fernandez, present
Melba Hinojosa, present
Dorothy McCormack, present
Janine Neely, present
Marco Montano, present
Marcia Rooney, present

Janet Vitt, present
Fr. Rey Bersabal, pastor, present
Darrin Greer, chair, present
Emer McKenna, vice chair, present
Ed Condon, secretary, present
J. D. Warrick – Staff, present

Chair Darrin Greer opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, and Janet Vitt led the room in a prayer.

Darrin provided an overview of the agenda. The minutes of the July 12, 2022, council meeting, upon motion by Janet and seconded by Emer, were approved unanimously. They will be posted on the parish website.

Darrin suggested that we suspend the rules for this meeting. A motion was made by Sr. Libby and seconded by Melba. The motion passed.

Fr. Rey asked each member of the Parish Council to introduce themselves and share how many years of involvement and how they came to be a part of the St. Francis Parish community. The years ranged from as few as 10 to as many as 48!

Fr. Rey shared his journey into the priesthood and details of his assignment to the Sacramento Diocese. In addition, Fr. Rey shared his reflections on the role of a pastoral council. He stated that he will provide us with a link to Diocesan Parish Pastoral Council guidelines.

Fr Rey informed us that Bishop Soto would be coming to the parish to install him. He hoped to have a few focuses in his time at St. Francis – focusing on a strong school parish link, elevating young people visibility in activities like altar-servers, a robust liturgy, and broad engagement.

Melba shared that members of the St. Francis Pathways for Justice Ministry volunteered at Casa Alitas in July to assist migrants who have crossed the Arizona-Mexico border seeking asylum.

There being no more business, Melba led the Council in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Council meeting will at 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in Brunsman Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Condon, Secretary