

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; online via Zoom
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ed Condon, acting secretary, present
Francine Freitas, present
Jo Gonsalves, present
Darrin Greer, vice chair, present
Margaret Healy, excused
Linda Hill, present

Melba Hinojosa, present
Sue Kenney, present
Patrick Mahan, present
Emer McKenna, present
Bob Reid, chair, present
Janet Vitt, secretary, excused

Also attending was J.D. Warrick of the parish staff, and Fr. Des O'Reilly, Pastor.

Chair Bob Reid opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m., and Jo Gonsalves led a prayer.

The minutes of the Oct 12, 2021, regular council meeting were reviewed and approved upon motion by Darrin Greer, seconded by Francine Freitas. They will be posted on the parish website.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Des O'Reilly provided the following updates:

Parish Council Renewal Planning Report:

- Pandemic – The church continues to operate under the mitigation measures established by the Bishop. Expectations of a bump up in the holidays might change our situation, at this time numbers are declining in Sacramento County.
- Zoom Conference by the Diocese on the topic of Parish Councils was well received and attended.
- Choir coming back slowly. Additional members maybe added over the next few weeks.
- Questions – Christmas Eve Special? FD – John is planning but it's not finalized. Groups meeting? FD – No not yet. Service of Remembrance – FD it was very special.

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

- **Midtown HART:** Patrick attended recent meetings of the group. New report coming out, BR to receive the link. Midtown HART would appreciate support for their holiday giveaway such as Turkeys and other items to support dinners. Suggestion for PC to explore to in the new year.
- **Family Promise:** Patrick shared details of a new potential program partner. The values, programs and support from FP is detailed and targeted. Current approach is more expensive and requires additional funds due to costs of services. SFA is starting to support ½ the costs of a family's costs for just one week. This is a shared project with Trinity Cathedral. Our role is that of a supporting organization. In the future, the program might shift in approach.
- **Outreach Committee Working Group:** Bob reported the draft of the report is in development. It will be delivered to the Pastor. Once approved an implementation plan will be developed.

Membership Report: Darrin Green reported on the plan for a Parish Council Renewal Gathering. Plan is to postpone until the new year. Goal is to have it face-to-face. By the new year this might be an option. The gathering would at the Church or private residence.

Staff Liaison Report: JD Warrick shared the following updates:

Channel Subscribers: Total of 458 subscribers to the St. Francis of Assisi Channel to date.

Totals are as of 8:00am this morning.

472 Channel Subscribers (up 14, from 458, last month)

Sunday 9:30 MASS

10/17 – 168 views

10/24 – 243 views (Rite of Acceptance/Welcome)

10/31 – 153 views

11/07 – 203 views (Litany of Remembrance)

ALSO:

11/01 – 23 views (All Saints, 8:30am, School Mass)

11/01 – 33 views (All Saints, 12:10 Mass)

11/02 – 43 views (All Souls, 12:10 Mass)

10/23 – 148 views (Baptism)

10/16 – 86 views (Wedding)

Church Building: Repair is needed to cross on the roof. Manny has suggested this is urgent.

Parish Council Christmas Party: Emer and Francine are planning the event. Email was sent out today. Please respond. Date is to be announced.

St. Francis School Report: Ed Condon reported on the three key topics under discussion - school accreditation, gala, and monthly activities. It is hoped that the Parish Council will sponsor a table at the gala.

Outreach Ministry: Discussion on the Wellspring donation experience. The discussion will be added to the January agenda for implementation of the Outreach Ministry Report.

- Note: Direct contributions – suggestion - could we add additional groups to the wish list – St. Clair’s and Wellspring for Fr. Des consideration.

Faith Formation: Week 5 – Additional registrations continue to come in. The children are doing well online. Sacramental preparation for May 2022. RCIA report to be provided in January 2022.

Next: The next council meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022. Francine Freitas and Emer McKenna will provide the opening and closing prayers, respectively.

There being no more business, Melba Hinojosa led the Council in a closing prayer, and Bob said a final blessing. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Condon, acting secretary

