



## Parish Council Minutes

Date: 03/15/2022

### In Attendance:

Anne Marie Gavel (Chair), Alma Dominguez, Angela Piram, Dennis Alvarado, Casey Martin, John Rimstad, Roma Lee Rasmussen, Maureen Mahowald, Beth Coleman. Fr. Liekhus, Fr. Bryan, Beth Schorle

### Meeting Agenda

#### 6:30 p.m. Opening Prayer: Father Liekhus

#### 6:35 – 7:00 Reflection

##### Where have we been effective as a Parish Council?

- Formation of Discipleship
- Sharing of Faith and Trust within Group
- Promoting parish life over all three parishes and school
- Identifying shared values/strong foundation

##### What has felt good about being on the Council?

- Building relationships between council members
- Able to represent parish and community
- Happy to be part of the process
- Growth as group, feel able to express opinions safely
- Getting to know the members of the council
- Freshened Faith and new enthusiasm
- Engage in conversation and developing relationships
- Willingness to be part of the collaboration process

#### 6:45 - 7:30 Parish Council Formation

##### Fr. Liekhus provided advice and guidance for creation of the Mission, Vision, Value Statements

- Create a process to hear the voices of the parishioners
- Mission of making disciples-new people growth, growing together and as individuals
- Grow in prayer and participation
- Reach out to each other as stewards to evangelize and be charitable
- Mission Statement must be tailored for our area. What are the steps/process to get to specific mission to go and make disciples
- What is unique to this community? How are we called to do in 2022?
- Input from the parishes-What do we need?

#### 7:30 – 8:30 Parish Priorities-Synod Summaries

Reviewed the summary of the small group sessions from 2/26/22. Each parish was represented.

- Deanery will receive the feedback forms

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“The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.”

— Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium*

- There will be a three-day event in June for discussion and prayer around items from small groups
- The Archbishop will share the Strategic Plan to be implemented in November.

#### **Focus Area 1: Forming parishes that are in service of evangelization**

- **Assumption:** Reaching out to the broader community/Evangelizing and reaching out to the elderly.
- **St. Peter:** Engagement in Parish Life and Mission/Cultivate a culture of Ministry where all of the faithful are encouraged to put forth their natural gifts and charisms at the service of their sisters and brothers/Host a skills Fest
- **St. Richard:** Evangelization Small Group/Build Back Ministries

#### **Focus Area 2: Faith Formation**

- **Assumption:** Faith formation programs for children. Need for adult formation. Retreats may be a way to come back to faith. Create a Faith Formation map to help people know where they fall in their faith journey. Need communication to get more people in. Have a Ministry Fair
- **St. Peter:** Create or grow small group ministry at every parish, foster personal relationships, build community to provide formation to help parishioners grow as disciples of Christ. Need a Full time faith formation leader and clear faith formation structure.
- **St. Richard:** Inform parishioners as to what information and resources are available Focus on faith formation for adults. Implement Evangelization. Build back ministries

#### **Focus Area 3: Forming youth & young adults in & for a church that is always young (grades 6-12)**

- **Assumption:** Create a Vibrant Youth Ministry, Develop Have fun. Recruit young adults to lead faith sharing and formation activities.
- **St. Peter:** Intentional and inviting Youth Ministers. Communication of events with other parishes. Reach out to kids after confirmation. College Youth Involvement
- **St. Richard:** Create a place where youth feel welcomed; empowering and safe environment where youth can share and learn about their faith. Empower Youth leadership. Ask youth what they are looking for. Encourage engagement in ministries.

Conversation about communication between school and the three parishes. Council informed about the Parish and School communication committee that exists to provide a channel for the exchange of information between the school and parishes which helps to foster communication, participation and cooperation between the groups.

#### **8:30 p.m. 2022 Focus- Long-Term & Short-Term.**

- Conversation about Evangelization visits as part of discipleship
- Discussed Next Steps publishing the minutes of the meetings. Placing on the Website or providing paper copies with the Bulletin.

**Closing prayer: Father Bryan**