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PARISH  
COUNCIL

## Parish Council Minutes

Date: 5/26/2022

**In Attendance:** Fr. Liekhus, Fr. Bryan, Beth Schorle, Anne Marie Gavel, Dennis Alvarado, Casey Martin, John Rimstad, Roma Lee Rasmussen, Maureen Mahowald.

**Not present:** Alma Dominguez, Angela Piram, Beth Coleman

### Meeting Agenda

#### 6:30 p.m. - Opening Prayer: Fr. Liekhus

The Synod Prayer

#### 6:35-7 p.m. - Reflection: Fr. Bryan

Fr. Bryan distributed a "Discipleship Road Map," which describes the "stages within discipleship with Jesus Christ." Each section builds on the preceding section, starting with "Beginning Disciple" and proceeding through "Growing Disciple," "Commissioned Disciple," "Disciple Maker" and "Spiritual Multiplier." Fr. Bryan emphasized the importance for each person who desires to grow in discipleship to begin with an unflinching analysis of where he or she is on this journey. To that end, the reverse of the handout included a series of questions that one could use to do that analysis. Dennis beautifully described an example of this journey that he witnessed in his men's group.

#### 7-7:15p.m. - Updates: Anne Marie Gavel

- Approval of April Minutes. The minutes were available, and members were invited to review them.
- Mass attendance & financial contributions by parish. The parish council periodically reviews Mass attendance and financial contributions for the three parishes. There was a discussion about the financial information shown in the bulletins. Anne Marie suggested that we discuss this further in a future meeting. The discussion will include, how do we define success? What is our role as the parish council in providing guidance to Fr. Liekhus and the finance committee?
- Anne Marie led the council through a process that described how the council will achieve our mission of discipleship and fulfill the role of the parish council.

#### 7:15-7:30 p.m. - Community Mission, Vision & Value statements: Anne Marie Gavel

The council discussed the long-term goal to create the Community Mission, Vision, and Value statements. Anne Marie shared that we have engaged the McFarland firm who has decades of experience and proven methods to get engagement of diverse audiences to help the parish council articulate the common mission, vision, and values statements for the community. The kickoff for the project will be at the next parish council meeting June 14. The council talked about the challenges that exist around getting good quality feedback from parishioners at all three parishes. To be successful, this process needs to engage our parishioners.

#### 7:30-8 p.m. - 2022 Parish Priority: Fellowship

■ The council reviewed guidance for parish festival leaders. The council has identified the need to address fellowship at the three parishes. The discussion at this meeting focused on one aspect of fellowship: parish festivals. A meeting has been planned for June 8 at which festival leaders from all three parishes will be brought together. The parish council's role will be to provide guidance but to leave the specifics of planning the festivals to the leaders. Guidance in this case will include a message to utilize the festivals as a way to advance the collaboration of the three parishes. Anne Marie walked the council through the SMART process as applied to festival planning and implementation.

Anne Marie Gavel,  
Chair

Dennis Alvarado

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John Rimstad

*"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**