



Parish Council Minutes

Date: 4/19/2022

In Attendance: Anne Marie Gavel (Chair), Alma Dominguez, Casey Martin, John Rimstad, Roma Lee Rasmussen, Beth Coleman, Fr. Liekhus, Fr. Bryan, Beth Schorle

Not in Attendance: Maureen Mahowald, Angela Piram

Meeting Agenda

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

6:35 – 7 p.m. Reflection

Fr. Bryan led a reflection on having an Eternal Perspective using the analogy of a long rope where our life on earth represents an inch worth of time compared to the multiple feet of rope that are eternity. We should live our lives with eternity in mind and help others to do the same.

7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Parish Priorities & Updates

- **Synod update:** Deanery representatives will attend the Synod on Pentecost.
- **Lay Advisory Board update:** The Archdiocese is planning a three-year Eucharistic revival with listening happening at all levels of our faith community (international, national, diocese, deanery). Other topics that have been covered in recent Deanery meetings are whether Catholic universities are teaching the catholic faith correctly. There are also discussions around options to have Mass in Latin. Finally, there was a presentation around the treatment of Native Americans at Catholic boarding schools and how the Church is asking for forgiveness and healing for the wrongs that took place in those settings.
- **Evangelization Update:** More households signed up to be visited than we had volunteers for. The council suggested that the communication of this initiative be expanded so that more parishioners could be aware of this and find ways to participate.
- **Fellowship:** We revisited the topic as a council to check on progress and how best for the council to either lead, support, consult, or otherwise support this effort. In general, the council wants to see more collaboration with the festival committees. The recent Triduum ministries were used as an example of great collaboration between the three parishes. The other

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“The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of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

thought was how have we measured the success of the festivals in the past and how should we be measuring them now and going forward?

7:40 – 8 p.m. Community Mission, Vision and Value statements:

Anne Marie brought forth a recommendation that we choose the McFarland Communications (strategic marketing firm) to help us gather information from our parishioners and organize it into our Mission, Vision and Value statements. Fr. Liekhus will review the recommendation and decide in the next few weeks.

8:15 – 8:30 p.m. Communication Update to the Parish

Although the last communication to our parishioners (Feb. 2022) said to be on the lookout for an April update, we will not have anything material to report this month and will look to the next major milestone to get a update to our parishioners.

Closing prayer: Fr. Bryan

Respectfully Submitted: John Rimstad