



Parish Council Minutes

Date: 11/21/2023

In Attendance: Fr. Liekhus, Fr. Shaw, Beth Schorle, Anne Marie Gavel, Maureen Mahowald, Beth Coleman, Roma Lee Rasmussen, John Rimstad, Angela Piram

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM Opening Prayer

6:35 Reflection:

- "Power of Parish Alignment" Edited
- Method of organization, alignment for success
- Using business methods to align goals across ministries and manage accountability discussion

7:00 PM Housekeeping

- Approved October Minutes
- John Rimstad will be stepping in as Co-chair of the Council during January, February and March 2024, when Anne Marie is out of town.
- Terms for council members is August-June. We will be identifying two new members one each from St. Peter and Assumption by August 2024.

7:20 PM Parish Leadership Meeting Session 1 Review

- What went well: Stuck to timeline for event, thoughtful responses to table questions, well-spoken presenters. Table questions and responses will be a handout at the 12/2 session.
- What didn't: Hard to hear in small group with so much room noise.
- 2024 Timeline/Commissions structure
 - Timeline will be re-worked by Anne Marie, fully functioning by fall 2024
 - Handbook will be a well defined guide for commissions leaders

Agreement on Commissions Structure and How it works

- 10 People, 2 co-chairs for each commission
- Interested people should send their names to Maureen by 12/21
 - Discern through December, select by 1/2/23 (open to further discussion)
- Should be regular turnover every few years, more opportunity for leadership
- Commissions members will work regularly with a member of the CPC

Two methods for beginning commissions

Method 1

- Work as a large group setting, commissions leader and CPC, teaching as large group (January-February 2024), several commissions meetings by March/April 2024
- Develop commissions goals over time, be able to create SMART goal

Method 2

- 6 group meetings together
- Individual time spent learning about ministries
- Work on goal-setting
- What information do you need to set/measure SMART goal

8 PM Leadership Meeting 12/2 walkthrough

- Goal: Vision and Values
- There will be a lot of review and repeated information from the first session.
- Hold off on introducing Ministries/Commissions list
- Fr. Liekhus will use stories throughout the session to illustrate purpose of commissions co-chairs

8:30 PM Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Rick Zilka

Parish Council

Anne Marie Gavel,
Chair

Dennis Alvarado

Beth Coleman

Alma Dominguez

Maureen Mahowald

Casey Martin

Angela Piram

Roma Lee
Rasmussen

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*

