



## Parish Council Minutes

Date: 4/18/2023

### In Attendance:

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

**Absent:** Alma Dominguez, Beth Coleman

**Note From Anne Marie Gavel:** "In March the Parish Council members met with Partners Edge, a consultant firm used often in our parishes. The goal of the sessions was to help the Parish Council articulate the parish mission and develop a strategy to incorporate the mission into the many ministries of the parishes."

### Meeting Agenda

**6:35 p.m.:** Meeting started, and all present prayed the parish prayer.

**6:36-7:05 p.m.:** - Reflection: Fr. Liekhus led the reading and discussion of portions of the chapter "A Cup of KeurigMa" (pages 126-131) from The Activated Disciple: Taking Your Faith to the Next Level by Jeff Cavins. Reviewed Kerygma "Created, Captured, Redeemed, Response" per Fr. Bryan Kujawa's parish series in 2021. Discussion about reflections of personal faith journeys, events and exhortation.

**7:05-8:30 p.m.:** Council discussion facilitated by Anne Marie Gavel:

Review of the Parish Council's role and Partner's Edge Consultant sessions in March 2023. Reviewed the Mission and Vision created previously, no new comments were presented.

Discussed Values and what that will look like. Values will guide how we represent what we do. How many do we want? Varying opinions from 3-10 values were discussed - Casey "10 is too many" and most agreed, no final number decided or approved. What should they be? (Removing "Courage" as it was recommended by McFarland and not all members support this being one of five values, Maureen prefers adding "Love" instead and there was partial agreement. No final list of Parish Values was approved.

Work on Pillars for our Richfield Parish community. Number of pillars discussed – 3 or more? Looked At Hopkins, St. Edward and St. Peter for examples of current pillars and how ministries fit within each one. Possible pillars: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Outreach, Faith Formation, Social Justice, Community Life, Administration, Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Evangelization, Communications. Will the pillars be equal categories and what should that look like? Some ministries may fit in more than one and that is okay. The pillars should organize the vision and create structure for our parish community. No decisions or approval of pillars were made.

Parishioner communication goal is to go out through all channels on Pentecost May 28, 2023. John Rimstad will write the communication following the May 17 meeting where things should be completed. Beth noted must be in by May 19 to be in the bulletin for May 28, the communication goal date.

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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*

Logo images were handed out and colors were discussed. Determined individual parishes do not really have a color that represents them, if there was on it is green. No preference was given to any of the examples. The colors should stand for something, but what? How is this best decided? Some suggestions were: all blue, gray, red/yellow/blue. No decision or approval made.

Next meeting is rescheduled from May 16, 2023, to May 17 as confirmation at the St. Paul Cathedral is on the evening of May 16.

Discussion was closed with prayer led by Fr. Liekhus.

**8:32 p.m.:** Meeting Adjourned