



## Parish Council Minutes

Date: 5/17/2023

### In Attendance:

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

**Absent:** Angela Piram, Casey Martin

### Meeting Agenda

**6:35 - Prayer:** Everyone read the Combined Parish prayer.

**6:35-7-10 Reflection** Fr. David - Scripture read by the council and reflection of leadership role by Fr. David and council.

Service & Communication are two areas to consider in the "Leadership" role as a parish council, however there are many more.

**7:10 – Housekeeping** - Anne Marie – review of minutes from April 18, 202 meeting – Parish Council approved the minutes.

**7:10 – 7:45** Anne Marie led a discussion with the councils view on two questions.

- 1) What does the council envision for our community in 5 years? What core ministries are active? What ought to be? What results and experiences do we need to achieve our mission?
- 2) What are the core Ministries required to achieve our Mission, Vision, and Values?

The Council discussed a fall kick off collaboration meeting to discuss the parish community ministries. One of the main goals of the kickoff meeting is to build relationships and engage the ministries. The June Council meeting will focus on the meeting participants, objectives, and agenda.

John shared the experience from St. Peter's process several years ago to identify the core ministries. What worked and did not work. Much of the work lost momentum when there were new staff members that came on board.

### **7:45 – 8:46 Pentecost communication - Proposed Letter to parish on new Mission Statement**

A draft Parishioner letter was reviewed and suggestions on changes to the letter.

John will edit the letter which the council hopes to have finalized in time to go into the bulletin for Pentecost Sunday (deadline is Friday, May 19)

The council also requested that the new Mission statement communication come from the pulpit as well.

**8:46 – Wrap up** - June meeting will have discussion on the "Fall Kick-off."

Fr. Liekhus concluded with prayer at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted: Barb Michaels-Rauen

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"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of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