



Parish Council Minutes

Date: 9/19/2023

In Attendance: Anne Marie Gavel (Chair), Beth Coleman, Alma Dominguez, Maureen Mahowald, Casey Martin, Angela Piram, Roma Lee Rasmussen, John Rimstad, Fr. Liekhus, Deacon Frankie Floeder, Beth Schorle

Absent: Fr. David Shaw

Meeting Agenda

Call to Order: By Anne Marie Gavel at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Liekhus led everyone in the Parish Mass Prayer.

Old Business

Previous council minutes (August 2023) were approved.

New Business

Journey from awareness to action

The Council discussed the change journey from awareness to action, and discussed where people are in this journey in our parishes? Focusing on communication. (IE: New Mission statement, core elements through Bulletins, parish services.)

Leadership structure

Anne Marie led a discussion on a Leadership structure that could help align parish resources and activities to the mission.

- Discussion do we use the word Pillars or commission: 5 groups; Worship, Educate, Fellowship, Outreach, Administration
- Discussion why this leadership structure was important: focus attention, contributing education, synergy of 50 ministries, bring energy, open to individuals, awareness of gifts working in the Holy Spirit, linking resources, coming together, accountability of all ministries, mission statement is focused.
- The group decided on naming leadership structure Commission in place of the word pillars.

Ministry Leadership session review

The Council reviewed the Draft Oct. 28 Ministry Leadership session agenda.

What does a successful Parish Leadership Gathering look and feel like?

Next council meeting: Dry run for October leadership meeting.

Final prayer: Led by Fr. Liekhus.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by John Duffy

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“The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of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