

St. Joseph Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024

Voting Members:

Present: Aldo Aviles, Cindy Bischoff, Annette Dubas, Tom Ernst, Erin Gindlesberger, Betty Himes, Paul Natishan, Maureen Thiec

Absent: Jack Cassidy, Denise Ei, Connie McNeil, Lauren Rose

Ex Officio Members:

Present: Fr. Rothan

Absent: Msgr. Lyons, Fr. Miller, Deacon Carlos

I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

- A. Annette Dubas chaired the meeting.
- B. The meeting was opened with a prayer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting was made by Paul Natishan and seconded by Maureen Thiec. The motion passed with no amendments.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Conclusion to the New Members' Luncheon

- Conflict with Hispanic Candlemas caused confusion and decreased attendance
- Estimate 7 to 9 new English speaking members in attendance and 6 new families from the Hispanic community
- Select date for 2025 early (?February 16, 2025)
- Identify the new members – like a different color name tag
- Add music in the background
- Consider a lighter food selection – fruit, finger foods, dessert
- Put food at ministry tables to encourage people to walk around
- Shorten time to 2:00 to 4:00
- Establish accountability to keep the kitchen and social hall clean – a check list that must be signed by group leader when completed

B. Update from the Nominating Committee for the election of new members:

Announcements have been in the bulletin, on the website, on Facebook, and on myParish app. Nomination forms will be available February 10 – 18, 2024 and need to be returned by February 21, 2024.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The ushers would like consideration to be given to construct a canopy over the sidewalk leading to the church's main entrance.
- B. The Fun(d) Committee has \$18,000 to donate to church improvements. Projects under consideration:
- Digital outdoor sign
 - New votive candle stand
 - Canopy over the sidewalk leading to the church's main entrance
 - New carpet in the rectory
 - Dawn-to-dusk lighting on the Grandview side of the church

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Hispanic Community
The Way of the Cross is being planned.
John XXIII has a retreat February 23, 24, and 25
- B. Parish School
Catholic Schools Week was very active
8th grade Algebra teacher is on medical leave

VI. CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Rothan closed the meeting with a prayer.
The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

VII. NEXT MEETING

March 6, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Fr. Joseph F. Gotwalt Administrative Center conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Bischoff
Recording Secretary