

**Approved by  
PPC on  
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*Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.*

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## **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

Thursday Dec 7, 2023

**Attendance:** Dean Schmidt (Vice Chair), Fr Matthew Ramsay, Bev Canaday, Don Griffith, Len Florizone, Stephen Arugay, Mary Jane Lozada, Andrew Hunt

**Regrets:** Bronwynn Cutts, Robin Sander, Chad Sawatzky

*Meeting called to order at 7:06pm*

### **Introduction:**

1. Opening prayer and discussion
  - a. Reflection from Sunday Gospel "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
2. Approval of November minutes and matters arising from minutes.
  - a. Andrew motioned to approve the minutes. Bev seconded.
  - b. ACTION ITEM: Fr. Matthew to look into replacing bulbs outside the church entrances. Done

ACTION ITEM: Sub-committee to meet again before Discernment Forum Night. Done

**ACTION ITEM: Some council members to locate people who could provide altar area sketches.** Carried over to next meeting.
3. Agenda review
4. How to use fall supper funds
  - a. \$5902 made at the Fall Supper. Does the council want to use it for a specific use?
  - b. In the past they've been used for kitchen updates as needed. Some ideas included audio improvements to the hall/Kitchen maintenance (fridges),
  - c. Next year, we will make a decision prior to the Fall Supper (September) so we can advertise where the money goes.

**ACTION ITEM: Fr Matthew will bring some ideas back to the fall supper team.**
5. Church security update
  - a. The staff met with BJM to go over safety procedures due to being attaching to a school.
  - b. Lock up procedures now include doing a walkthrough of the building due to increased loitering in the church due to our food bank.
  - c. Recommendation to have a subtle sensor/bell at main doors for when someone comes into the building.

**ACTION ITEM: Fr Matthew will look into the bell.**

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### **Main goals:**

6. Discussion of tabernacle discernment forum and concerns voiced by those attending:
  - Perceived hidden agenda of Bishop and Father
  - Lack of trust
  - Transparency
  - Cost
  - Some parishioners in attendance thought this process requires more time to make decision while others thought we have spent too much time already.
  - 2 tabernacles and is possible measure current use of side chapel.
  - Attempt to direct specific concerns to Father or PPC.
- a. The forms had ~200 forms filled out. The forms highly favoured moving the tabernacle (~80%).
- b. The discernment forum had ~40 attendees. The in-person had more of a negative tone towards moving it.

- c. Bishop Mark clarified that the directive that the priest must get Jesus from the tabernacle doesn't apply if the tabernacle isn't in sanctuary.
  - Does this change our discernment process?
  - Fr Matthew is in communication with the bishop to request full clarification/updated directives.
  - Keeping the chapel as a prayer space was the most common response.
  - Discussion about the role of laity and how to have those discussions with the broader community.
- d. ACTION ITEM: Fr Matthew will look into the logistics of having two tabernacles before moving forward.  
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## Closing:

### 7. Action items review

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### b. Closing Prayer

*Meeting Adjourned at 8:16pm*

### Christmas social

## Mass Attendance Tracker

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January		861	924		376	655
February		841	934		502	623
March		938	726		517	717
April		1061			663	788
May		925			533	736
June		895			542	656
July	715	762		372	461	514
August	730	762		441	462	576
September	943	857		461	483	684
October	941	966		421	591	695
November	952	934		469	596	726
December	880	943.8		517	816	

