

Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr Greg Roth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Arugay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fr Prosper Abotsi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bev Canaday |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Hickey (recording secretary) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bronwynn Cutts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Schmidt (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hunt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Haan (Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Len Florizone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Sander (Past Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Griffith |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Jayne Lozada |

Introduction:

1. Opening prayer and discussion
Meeting commenced at 7:10pm
2. Approval of February minutes and matters arising from minutes.
Minor formatting corrected. Motion to approve by Bronwynn, seconded by Kirk. Approved.
ACTION ITEM: Fr. Greg to make announcement for piano at Feb 15/16 Mass weekend. Fr Greg included information in the 2024 tax receipt envelopes.
ACTION ITEM: Dean and Bronwynn to follow up with Heather regarding communications in the snapshot and bulletin. Carry over until next month.
Motion to approve by Bronwynn, seconded by Kirk. Approved.
3. Agenda review
Motion to approve by Andrew, seconded by Kirk. Approved.

Main goal(s):

4. Sanctuary Discernment Discussion
 - Update from Sanctuary Planning Group
Carry over until drawing update from Sanctuary Planning Group is ready. Once we have costs, Finance Council will have to bring it to the Bishop.

Smaller goal(s):

5. Weekend Welcome Sundays - follow up
There was very low participation at 5pm, 11am, and 7pm. A few big events happening in the diocese that particular weekend led to low leaders.
Saturday had very few volunteers. Kirk mentioned that the 7 p.m. Mass is normally well-received, and Dean said the same for 5 p.m. It might be worth pushing through with it for a few more months.
Fr Greg encouraged further feedback about how to make the Sunday experience more welcoming. Particularly from the lens of someone who is new.
Welcome Desk revamp? Maybe we need to rebuild that welcoming.
Dean suggested a pancake supper after 5pm. Something he's been working on potentially finding a team to take that on.
Each weekend might need its own thing that they take ownership of it.

6. Set AGM Planning (tentative May 4)
Confirmed for May 4th following 11am Mass.
What topics would we like to discuss? How can we increase participation?
Finance Council presents documents. Make sure they have handouts.
State of the Parish Address
Jubilee Year "Hope" speaker
Action Item: Fr Greg will look into a Jubilee Year speaker for AGM.

7. Council Election Timing (see documents)
Three vacant spots.
Nominations open on Saturday, April 12, 2025 and close on Monday, April 28, 2025.
After the nominations forms are submitted, nominees/candidates will need to submit a short bio and a photo to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 30, 2025.
Action Item: PPC Announcement at Mass on April 5/6
 5pm: Dean
 9am: Don
 11am: Dean (unless someone else is willing)
 7pm: Robin?
Action Item: Heather to give Erin PPC Nomination Info for bulletin/Snapshot beginning April 5th.

8. Succession Planning
Looking for a Vice Chair if a current member is willing to extend their term for three more years, or a new member that would make a good vice chair.
Robin, Andrew, and Len will be leaving.

9. Jubilee Year Brainstorming and Update
Fr Greg: It is a Jubilee Year of Hope. Meant to do something special for Jubilee year. Looking for ideas such as AGM speaker (above).
Potential Corpus Christi Procession from St Anne's to St Paul's. It is quite long (8km), but something Fr Greg is looking into for June.
Potential St Anne's Fun Day for the Feast of St Anne's (July 26).
March 28th is a day called 24 Hours for the Lord; an initiative started by Pope Francis several years ago. For the Jubilee, Holy Family and St Paul's will be hosting a day of confession from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Update(s):

10. May Meeting Timing
May meeting is the same day as the Bishop's Dinner and Bosco Homes dinner.
Action Item: Moved May PPC meeting to May 8th to accommodate Bishop's Dinner.
Action Item: Kirk will take minutes for May PPC Meeting since Heather is away that day.

 11. New Piano – Announcement
Mentioned above.

 12. Holy Thursday's Loose Collection Decision at March Meeting
Suggestion for GSCS Foundation (Bronwynn's suggestion from previous Month)
Motion to approve by Kirk, seconded by Andrew. Bronwynn abstained due to being on the GSCC Board.
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Approved.

13. Children's Ministry Position

Adding an additional part-time position that is helping with admin and children's ministry. Approved by finance committee. Fr Greg is working on the contract.

14. Communication – Snapshot/Bulletin

Carry over to next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Dean and Bronwynn to follow up with Heather regarding communications in the snapshot and bulletin.

15. Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: 3pm

Holy Saturday: 8:30pm

16. Mass Attendance by Mass Time

Decrease in February from 2024-2025.

17. Finance Council

Dean attended the last finance council meeting. This is another planned deficit year, particularly due to the increased part-time position (point #13 above). Daniel Fahlman (caretaker) has a planned lifespan for all major appliances and items in the church so we can allocate money in advance. They discussed having a stewardship drive every year instead of every two years. They suggested including revenue and expenses in the bulletin each month instead of just revenue.

Closing

18. Action items review

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19. Closing Prayer

20. Next meeting April 3

Meeting adjourned 8:28pm

