

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

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:00 p.m. CST

Meeting Location: Rectory, Address: 111 Redberry Road

Forum: in person meeting

Attending		Regrets
Pastoral Council Members		Members
Father Matthew, Pastor	Heather Hickey, recording secretary	Chad Sawatsky
Bronwynn Cutts, Chair	Robin Sander, Vice-Chair	Reylan Lozada
Val Stone	Dean Schmidt	Jhoana Bernarte
Len Florizone		
Don Griffith		
Pastoral Council Resources and Guests		Resources
None.		

Meeting commenced 7:07pm

1. **Opening Prayer:** Fr Matthew led a reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel

2. **Approval of minutes and matters arising from the minutes.**

The Chair brought forward the decision item to approve the Draft November 3, 2022 Minutes, as presented. The motion was duly moved and seconded. The vote was concluded as all in favour with not abstentions or objections and carried as unanimous. The motion was approved.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

The Chair would like to add the **Review of action item: Don and Val will work out the logistics of the bulletin board.** Fr Matthew would like to add a **Donation discussion under finance council update.** The motion to approve the agenda as amended was duly moved and seconded. The vote was concluded as all in favour with not abstentions or objections and carried as unanimous. The motion was approved.

4. **State of the Parish Updates**

Father Matthew provided data on Mass attendance over 2018 to 2022, for review and feedback. The numbers from post-covid are still lower than prior to the lockdown.

November 2018: 952

November 2019: 934

November 2020: N/A

November 2021: 469

November 2022: ~548

Noted the data was still missing the last week of November so the numbers may be adjusted.

There was a lively discussion about how to personally invite people back to Mass. If people are still uncomfortable, it is hard to tell them they need to feel more comfortable. How do we respect people who feel uncomfortable while still encouraging those who have become complacent? Prayer is important: praying for people to see that they need God. Question arose as to whether we will continue livestreaming.

Does that give people an excuse to stay home? It is also an important option for those who are unable to attend Mass. As of now, we intend to continue. Fr Matthew brought up starting a “Can you ever come back to church?” campaign in the new year. Using posters and social media to pose that question and see what kind of response we’d get. Dean suggested personally calling and touching base with parishioners who haven’t been there since Covid. Reaching out. Discussion about what that would look like.

ACTION ITEM #1: All pray on this question. Look for opportunities to reach out to people who haven’t come yet.

ACTION ITEM #2: Heather will look into introducing a Welcome Desk/Host role for the Christmas Masses.

5. Finance Council Update from November 2022 Meeting

We will update the numbers in January. We are on track for our budget.

Fr Matthew shared that the parish has received a donation in the amount of \$15,000. As the parish has not received large donations like this in the past, there is no precedent as to how to choose where to put it so Father Matthew asked for advisement.

The three areas that Fr Matthew presented as possible areas of need were: sound system, piano, and aesthetic upgrades to the parish (new Tabernacle). What is our most pressing need? The donors have not indicated a specific area or special project that they want this to be applied to.

ACTION ITEM #3: All pray on it and discern how we should spend it. Do we need to put a process into place?

ACTION ITEM #4: Fr Matthew will talk to Ken about increasing the piano tuning maintenance.

6. Strategic Planning Exercise Update

Document is attached.

“Reaching out in faith” is our weakest area. Maybe we need to revisit the groups in our parish and see how each group can better evangelize. We could ask each group to see how they see their group. We will revisit in a year to see how things have changed: what did you intend, what did it actually do?

ACTION ITEM #5: Fr Matthew will do a review with the staff.

7. Other Business

Review of action item(s): Don and Val will work out the logistics of the bulletin board.

Draft for Community Bulletin Board:

- Use existing bulletin board: 3’ x 2’
- Half page size maximum
- Time limits contingent on type of request (for example, request for rides to Mass ongoing)
- Father Matthew + Staff would have final approval of what is posted.

What other parameters/criteria? Not personal gain/business-based. Do we need to have a disclaimer that St Anne’s is not liable?

ACTION ITEM #6: Father Matthew will bring it to the staff for Trina/Erin to work with to start it.

8. Action Items Review & Next Meeting

- Next meeting date: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
- KWCL Room at the Parish

9. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

10. Christmas social begins!

Supplemental Information: Agenda Item 6 – Mapping of Parish Vision to Committees

Vision Statement Categories	WELCOMING ALL	TO ENCOUNTER JESUS	GROW AS DISCIPLES	REACH OUT IN FAITH	AND SERVICE
Parish Committees					
Arts & Environment		◆			
Baptism Prep Team	◆	◆			
Bereavement Committee	◆				◆
Bishop's Annual Appeal					◆
Board Game Night	◆				
Catholic Womens League (CWL)	◆		◆	◆	◆
Centering Prayer			◆		
Childcare					◆
Children's Ministry		◆	◆		
Christmas Hampers					◆
Church Decorators					◆
Collection Counters					◆
Development and Peace					◆
Faith Studies		◆	◆		
Finance Council					◆
Hospitality Committee	◆				
Kids Care					◆
Knights of Columbus (KofC)	◆		◆	◆	◆
Laundry					◆
Marriage Preparation	◆	◆			
Mass Volunteers					◆
Ministry of Care				◆	◆
Mom's Group	◆				
Music Ministry		◆			
Office Administration					◆
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)			◆		◆
Plant Waterers					◆
RCIA		◆			
RCIA/RCIC Leaders/Sponsors				◆	
RCIC		◆			
Refugee Committee	◆				◆
Small Groups	◆		◆		
Source	◆	◆	◆		
Truth & Reconciliation (TRC)	◆		◆		◆
Ushers/Welcomers	◆				
Weekly Adoration			◆		
Youth Ministry		◆	◆	◆	