

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024
7:00 pm

Attending:

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Arlene Masters, Cathy Jones, Tom Bahr, Erin Drumm, Lois Ann Guschke, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane

Absent:

Alex Clark, Chris Colohan, Meera Del Favero, Beverly Freed, Joyce Navary, John Thompson

Arlene Masters led the group in opening prayer.

Leaking Roof Update

Melissa Pakurar reported that there is no change in status since last month. It is a slow process. We are working with the vendor, who is experiencing some staffing issues, to get plans, cost, etc.

Parish Directory

Chit Peters and Melissa Pakurar have a meeting scheduled on February 26 with Photo Man, a parish directory provider that has referrals from other churches in this area. Still looking at the May/June timeframe for this project. Katie Johnson suggested that we verify current contact information beforehand.

International Food Festival

No update this month.

Worship Space Crucifix Update

Katie and Erin Drumm had a phone meeting with the artisan. He has a picture of our worship space and some images showing what we like and don't like, but he cannot give even a ballpark figure until he has a more definitive idea of our vision and knows the materials he will be using. With that information he would be able to discuss the layout process and length of time required, and if that is agreeable a contract would need to be signed at that point in order to proceed. He doesn't provide sketches until there is a contract in place. Katie is not sure of the affordability of this particular artist. Others have been eliminated because of either being too expensive or not providing a suitable style for our space. We have also checked into warehouses that might have options from older churches. Our three options are (1) using an artisan who would provide a custom corpus for us, (2) finding a used one, or (3) purchasing a new one available commercially. Parishioners have volunteered to build the base and the cross portion. This crucifix will not be permanently suspended. It will be stationary but mobile in order not to lose other functionality for the space. The donor has requested to see what we are considering before committing to an amount. This requires some details that we don't yet have from the provider, but Katie will try to firm up what they are willing to donate.

Finance Council Report

In reference to Joe Hearington's Finance Council report presented at last month's meeting, Arlene emphasized that Time-Talent-Treasure should be a topic that is on the table at all times. There will always be time for suggestions—just contact Cathy to put it on the agenda.

100th Anniversary Update

Katie reported that she and Alex Clark have gathered about twelve people to be part of an initial meeting to begin the planning process for the 100th anniversary of our parish (coinciding with St. Ann's

Feast Day, July 26, 2025). This first meeting will take place in a couple of weeks. They need at least one more Parish Pastoral Council member. Melissa Pakurar volunteered to serve as another staff person. During the initial planning stage there will be one to two meetings a month, then less frequent meetings until closer to time. Fr. Ernest said the earlier this gets started, the better.

Synodality Participation

Katie previewed the parish plans for Synod follow-up. On Sunday, February 18, at 12:45, Pat Clement will give a brief update on the worldwide gathering in Rome last October and what we need to do as a parish. Parish members will have an opportunity the weekends of February 17-18 and February 24-25 to vote for three of twenty topics they'd like to discuss. Table conversations of the three selected topics will be held on March 3, 10, and 17 (Sunday afternoons). Facilitators and recorders will be needed (brief orientation/training provided). There will be prescribed questions, with the goal of participants being able to share thoughts freely without dialog in a prayerful and inclusive setting.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Bishop's Annual Diocesan Appeal is coming up. An announcement will be made the weekend of February 17-18, with an in-pew opportunity the weekend of February 24-25.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Parish Pastoral Council will host this year's first Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, February 21, at 5:30.

Closing

Arlene led the group in closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024.