

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023
7:00 pm

Attending:

Fr. Ernest, Arlene Masters, Cathy Jones, Tom Bahr, Chris Colohan, Erin Drumm, Lois Ann Guschke, Angel Martinez, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane

Absent:

Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Alex Clark, Meera Del Favero, Beverly Freed, Joyce Navary, John Thompson

Arlene Masters led the group in opening prayer.

October minutes were approved as submitted.

Baptismal Font Update

Angel Martinez reported that the baptismal font is basically complete. The last part of the grouting was completed today, and there is one piece of stone remaining to be installed. Once that is in place, it will need to set up for a couple of days. A test run will be done the week after Thanksgiving. Complete documentation will be provided. The project came in under budget and should last for a long time. Fr. Ernest will plan to bless the font the first week of Advent, December 3.

Memory Garden

Cathy Jones reported that the new Memory Garden bricks were shipped on November 15. Landscaping and installation should be completed the week after Thanksgiving.

Leaking Roof Update

In Melissa Pakurar's absence, Fr. Ernest reported that Melissa will obtain bids for installation of the proper membrane between the ceiling and the roof. This was not done in the original construction.

Parish Directory

Chit Peters brought up the topic of a new parish directory. She thinks Melissa Pakurar may have some information from two or three vendors. Chit worked with Life Touch on the last one which was done in 2015. The most difficult part is that someone must be present during all the photography sessions, managing the time slots as efficiently as possible when people are late or miss their appointments. The hours were long (e.g., 8:30 am - 8:30 pm). There were about three weeks of appointments, with a fourth week for make-up appointments. If we want to pursue this, Chit suggested that the period after the Christmas season but before Holy Week might be a good option. Tom Bahr and Chris Colohan indicated that they would be willing to volunteer to assist during the photography sessions. Arlene will get with Melissa to prepare for further discussion on this at the next meeting.

Music Ministry – Organ

The suggestion to move the organ from the worship space is off the table.

8:30 Mass Timeline

Chit commented on the effort to tighten the timeline of the 8:30 Mass when Christian Formation classes are in session. She and Melissa Phillingane, with the consensus of the others present, expressed the preference of not abbreviating the homily or the music during the Sunday liturgy.

Finance Council

Fr. Ernest reported that Finance Council is concerned about our parish finances. Fr. Ernest stressed that emphasis should be on "Time, Talent, and Treasure" and include all the ministries and their functions. This effort will involve both Finance Council and Parish Council. Finance Council will make a general announcement to everyone the weekend of December 2-3. Their focus will be on the financial part. During Lent there will be a Ministry Fair set up by Parish Council to highlight the various ministries and opportunities available.

Hospitality

Hospitality is scheduled for Sunday, November 19. Since this is also the Catholic Daughters Bake Sale, coffee and juice will be provided, along with the items for sale. The next scheduled Hospitality will be Sunday, December 17, after both the 8:30 and 11:15 Masses.

International Food Festival

Mally Mason was not available to report on ideas for an International Food Festival. This item will become new business when she is available to present her plans.

Closing

Fr. Ernest led the closing prayer.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024.