

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2024  
7:00 pm

Attending:

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Arlene Masters, Alex Clark, Chris Colohan, Beverly Freed, Lois Ann Guschke, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane, Angel Martinez (baptismal font update), Joe Hearington (Finance Council report), Mally Mason (International Food Festival ideas)

Absent:

Cathy Jones, Tom Bahr, Meera Del Favero, Erin Drumm, John Thompson

Arlene Masters led the group in opening prayer.

Baptismal Font Update

Angel Martinez gave a quick update on the baptismal font. The fountain was functional, but there was an issue with the water heater. This is expected to be a quick fix to replace the shut-off valve, reconfigure the system, and perform a pressure test. Detailed operating instructions will be posted.

Finance Council Report

Joe Hearington, Finance Council Chairperson, presented current financial information. Expenses have increased, but weekly offerings are flat. While general administrative costs are down, facility expenses are up. However, the biggest issue is the debt on the new kitchen. Joe will make an announcement to the parish before Lent to share the percentage differences between income and expenses and highlight the burden of the kitchen debt. A Time, Talent, & Treasure stewardship campaign will take place, offering parishioners an opportunity to increase their commitment to our parish.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update

Katie Johnson will serve as staff liaison for St. Ann's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration coming up in July 2025. Alex Clark will handle the historical aspects. Alex suggested that the new parish directory could be part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. An announcement will be made about the event and to invite people to be part of the committee, along with representatives of larger groups such as Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. Being on the committee would involve a one- to two-year period for planning the event.

Memory Garden

Arlene reported for Cathy Jones that installation of the new Memory Garden bricks and landscaping are complete.

Leaking Roof Update

Melissa Pakurar is working with the Director of Real Estate for the Diocese to get a bid for the roof repair. The company we have already been using also works with this contractor the diocese recommended.

Parish Directory

Chit Peters reported that Lifetouch which produced our 2015 parish directory has been bought out by another company. She suggested that if we proceed, we should consider the last two weeks of May into June for photography sessions. Someone must be at each photography session, and the hours are long (e.g., 8:30 am – 8:30 pm). She cannot do it alone and will need volunteers.

### International Food Festival

Mally Mason presented ideas for an International Food Festival. She suggested September since the weather is usually mild at that time and it is also Heritage Month. She envisions representatives from the different continents to coordinate food and activities (dancing, singing, etc.) from their culture. The event would involve tickets/ticket booths for food purchases, getting vendors and business sponsors, and advertising.

### Lenten Soup Suppers

In response to a suggestion from the Staff, Parish Council members agreed to coordinate one of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Date to be determined.

### Closing

Chris Colohan led the closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2024.