



St. Francis de Sales Church

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Pastoral Council Minutes 11 Mar 2025 @ 6pm

- Attendance

Fr. Balachandra Miriyala	Present	Marty Brown	Not Present
Todd Giefer - President	Not Present	Mike Keohane	Present
Van Bert - Vice President	Present	Stephanie Pierce	Present
Isaac Rodriguez - Secretary	Present	Jeannine Edmonds – Finance Council	Present
Duane Tunink	Present	Carolyn Klemp Business Manager	Not Present
Emma Njoku	Not Present	Carrie Mathews Parish Life Coordinator	Present
Jon Smrtic	Present	Joan Leonard Director of Liturgical Music	Present
Katie Frandsen	Present	McKinzie Murley	Present
Laura Mack	Present	Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry	

- Welcome at 608pm – Van Bert (Vice President)
- Opening Prayer – Fr Bala
- Review last meeting's minutes – No objections: Approved for the record
- Old Business
 - Youth Mass – Next youth mass is not until September in order to grow the music ministry portion of the mass
 - Ministry Fair
 - Carrie presented results; proposed doing it twice a year.
 - Lots of dialogue for the homebound and prayer ministry.
 - Parish Life Committee needs volunteers
 - Father discussed the plan/goal for having Eucharistic Ministers take Sunday communion to the homebound.
 - Pastoral Council Announcement
 - Elections for new council members take place in the summer; need to put together some sort of tracking chart for incoming/outgoing members
 - With Isaac leaving, need a new secretary. Katie Frandsen proposed Stephanie Pierce as secretary. All present were in favor.
 - Bala Bash Review
 - After action meeting on May 7th, 6:30-7:30pm.
 - The surveys received provided great feedback, which will be presented at the meeting
 - Basement Sale Support
 - Next basement sale will be the 1st Friday and Saturday in May; an announcement for donation drop offs will be posted soon.

- Ruth needs an idea of who can help both before and during the event. The plan is to reorder reusable signs before the next basement sale.
- Parish Mission Week Committee
 - We have decided to use the mission week program offered by Reverend Peter Schavitz of Redemptorist Parish Missions. His program outlines all the needs and plans for the week.
 - Main need will be volunteers; asked everyone to come up with 1-3 names of people in the parish that would be good in the various roles needed.
 - The first planning meeting will occur April 1st at 6pm. Need to notify KOC about the picnic on Saturday.
- School Board Membership: waiting on letter from Archdiocese to have Mike Keohane assigned as a school board member at Xavier.
- Organizations
 - Cabrini Group and Sister Pat's Bible Study will be added to the parish ministries binder.
 - Knights of Columbus is open to suggestions for their Family of the Month program
 - Liturgy Committee
 - Main change is communion for the homebound on Sundays.
 - A reminder to all council members, and emailed to the ministry team, about the mindful treatment of the Eucharist during communion. With the upcoming black mass in Topeka, we want to make sure we are protecting the Eucharist from misuse.
 - Finance Committee
 - Met with the Pastoral Council, Carolyn will be incorporating the feedback from the meeting.
 - Of note: we have over 600 families "on the books". Need to implement some sort of accountability to connect with all inactive families to either draw them back to the church or take them off the books because we pay certain fees for all registered parishioners.
 - Religious Education
 - Mike Keohane provided feedback on the yearly Men Under Construction program.
 - Van Bert mentioned recognizing high school graduates at a mass; McKinzie and Father already have something planned for it.
- Calendar Forecast: Will need volunteers for the Easter Season
- New Business
 - Building Committee

- We have preliminary schematics/drawings for the faith formation center which will be in the basement of the church, and preliminary schematics for the parish hall renovation.
- Finance members will be meeting with an archdiocese representative specializing in capital campaigns next week.
- Book Fair: will be taking place April 3-6th in the parish hall.
- Upcoming events: no comments
- Next Meeting: April 8, 2025 at 6pm
- Closing Prayer – Fr Bala at 717pm
- Due Outs

