

**St. John XXIII Catholic Parish
Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes from February 27, 2024**

BE CHRIST INSPIRED, JOYFULLY LIVE OUR CALL

In Attendance: Father Pat, Chris F, Dan B, John T, Dania S, Kay S, Cindy W, Jim H, Sandra P, John W, Bill H, Allyson O (guest)

Excused: Marcia N, Jenny G

Meeting called: at 6:15 to write birthday cards for parishioners over 80. This was a great community action activity.

Opening Prayer – Eucharistic Revival Reflection- Cindy W.
Shared thoughts on what it means to say The Eucharist is the Body of Christ.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved as presented.

Uplifting Community Moments from February:

Return of greeting before mass was a welcome addition.

January Bingo was a great success!! Looking forward to March Bingo.

Key Event 2024 was well attended a great community bonding celebration. Final numbers to come out in April. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event. A shout out to all of the leaders.

Old Business:

Updates from last meeting – Formation Commission – People have stepped up to join the Formation Commission. Still looking for members with school age children to join. A question arose if students (8th grade and above) were welcome to join the commission.

Updates from last meeting – Transparency of Information within the Parish

A link to the minutes will be added to the Signs of the Times newsletter and a QR code will be in the bulletin. Approved Commission and committee minutes will also be included once we have a process in place to gather approved Commission and Committee minutes. The only exceptions will be the Finance Council and Personnel meeting minutes due to information sensitive. Please continue to send minutes to John T. CCB training continues to be available for all who feel a need for it. Please contact Amy Jo for training and or questions.

Parish Survey went out February 10. To date 245 surveys were completed. The average age of the survey feedback is 60, we are hoping for feedback from our younger parishioners, especially school families and those with young children.

Strategic Plan and Initiatives for 2023/2024 – 2.1 Enhance the Sunday Experience and Beyond – Feedback was received from several commissions, we continue to ask ALL commissions to please submit them by March 15 so that the Council can review them and begin to focus on implementing ideas that will enhance the Sunday experience. All hands on deck are needed to move the Strategic Plan forward.

Reviewed process of inviting parishioners to join the Pastoral council. Council is looking to fill four (4) positions.

Commission and Committee Summit:

Will take place Tuesday, May 28 in lieu of May Parish Council Meeting. Format will be similar to last year's with the exception of more time to gather and greet so that leaders can get to know each other.

Pastoral Council Picnic:

A pot luck picnic will be held on August 27th at Dania S's backyard. Details to follow

Things to prepare for Q4 of the year:

Enhance communication via CCB. Contact Bill H if you need group access or admin access. Currently only the groups we belong to are accessible to each of us. Update CCB at the end of the year to include all pertinent reports and information especially who is leading each commission/committee.

Commission/Committee Reports

Human Concerns Commission – See commission minutes.

School Advisory Commission – See commission minutes.

First Bingo was a huge success!!! All are excited for more community comradery. Next Bingo is March 9th. The concession services were a big hit. The youth group will be running concessions for March Bingo.

Stewardship Commission – See Commission Minutes

Worship Commission – See Meeting Minutes. Easter schedule is in place.

Communications Committee – No Report

Welcoming Committee – See committee minutes.

Evangelization Committee – Emmaus 90 is going very well. Teaching mass being planned for April 11 with Father Don with the focus of Jesus and the Eucharist.

Finance Committee – See Commission minutes

Parish Leadership Team – See team minutes.

Staff Report – See Meeting minutes.

The parish census included a question if you consider yourself a member of SJXXIII and if no, had a list of reasons why not. The results of this question were evaluated and discussed. It is a challenge to do something with the data received from a survey.

Scheduling for the Summer CRE program was discussed. Did not want to overlap with PWSSD summer school program or with teachers coming back to class.

At this point there is not anyone leaving the staff.

Other Items:

- Communications need to be open between the worship commission and the pastoral council as ideas for improving the mass experience come forward.

- The school is sending out a survey to 132 parish families that have school-age children that are not attending the SJXXIII school. 79 parish families send their children to SJXXIII.

Eucharistic Revival Prayer – Cindy W