

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2022

In Attendance: Fr. James Aboyi, Jamie Bescak, Pam Boggs, Julie Davis, , Lani Gore, Jay Iole, Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, Marilyn Johnston, David Portillo, Jennifer Sentz, Russ Spencer, Alex Van Vianen, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Excused: Frank Polimene, Martin Ruggiero

Guest: Phil Arkfeld

Roll call verified a quorum

6:33 pm Russ called the meeting to order in Frank's absence; David offered the Opening Prayer

Minutes from April 6, 2022 were approved (AI) and seconded (Pam) with one spelling correction.

Director of Music and Liturgy, Phil Arkfeld

- Goal of the Music Ministry- to help people encounter Christ each week and grow in their gifts and skills and serve the Lord more fully.
- First mandatory Choir practice is this Thursday.
- AI noted the absence this past weekend of the usual "greet each other" prior to Mass. He also questioned the use of a different Gloria that was not familiar to the congregation. Phil appreciated the comments and requested that any feedback on the music be brought to him directly.
- Lani indicated that they do have different settings for various parts of the Liturgical Year.
- Fr. James' goal - a big choir with 4 part harmonies.

St. John Bosco – Jamie- Her first year as principal is coming to a close.

- This was a week of appreciation to: principal, administrative assistants, nurse, teachers.
- The Pastor/Principal/8th Grade Dinner was a wonderful time to welcome the 8th graders as Alumni and gave Fr. James and Jamie time to bond with the parents.
- 8th grade retreat was last week; next Wednesday is Graduation which will be outside; Friday, May 13th is the last day they will walk out SJB gates.
- May 26th is the last day of school; teachers will be on campus until June 2-3.
- The Accreditation team comes in November.
- Benchmark scores indicated that children scored 2-3 grade levels ahead.
- SJB participated in the Ahwatukee Easter Parade.
- Faith and Family magazine has had a lot of coverage for SJB and St. Benedict
- Biggest marketing tool for SJB is word of mouth. 293 students have re-enrolled for the next school year; 56 applications are pending for next year.
- School budget is finalized and going to Fr. James.
- An Art Teacher has been hired
- Easter Egg Hunt was great success. A few changes for next year to make sure all the children gather about the same number of eggs. Fr. James wants more Golden Eggs!

Ministry Reports

Building- Deacon Ed –He showed permits in hand to a round of applause. Actual construction on site TBD. Fr. James will announce this by Friday

Events – Lani

- May 7th is a Welcoming Event after the 9 am Mass; all Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend
- Income from past events – *Easter Egg Hunt* \$765; *Easter Basket Raffle* \$1475; *Mother's Day Raffle* \$980. All items for these events were donated.
- Volunteer Appreciation Event has been moved to later in the year.
- Next Bingo is July 15th from 6-8 pm in the MPR.
- November BBQ and Boot Scoot- Plans are up in the air as the front man for the Band Mogollon just passed away.

Knights of Columbus – Alex

- Golf Tournament netted \$16514.22. The following donations were made from the proceeds: \$5000 to St. Vincent de Paul, \$500 each to the following-American Wheelchair Mission, Christ Child Society, Andre House, Furnishing Dignity, Maggie's Place, Manas House, St. Joe's Youth Camp, Ryan's House.
- Other donations: \$1000 donated to Supreme's fund for Ukraine, \$500 to First Way Pregnancy Center, \$500 to the Fr. Arlindo K-12th grade Day School in Brazil.
- There is a new Fr. Bob Binta K of C Council sign on a second location on Frye Rd (Adopt-A-Street program)
- May 14th the Council will host the Charity, Unity and Fraternity installation ceremony for 1st degree Knights.
- May 15th is the next Blood Drive. Goal – 45-50 successful procedures.
- 8th Grade essay (200-300 word) contest. 3 winners will be announced at Mass on Friday, May 13th. Essay Title: What does it mean to you to be a Catholic Teen in America?

Pastor's Report – Fr. James

- A special thank you to ministry leaders and Mary Jane for all the coordinating and scheduling needed throughout the Triduum and Easter. Also a special thank you to Art and Environment Ministry for all the decorations; and to Lani and her committee for all the engagement activities.
- 62 children made their First Communion and Confirmation last weekend.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night has been moved to November. The next few months are critical to getting parishioners to move to Realm. Staff will be calling and assisting parishioners with this.
- We have received ALL the permits needed to go ahead with the new Church. Actual construction date TBD. Jen indicated plans to contact parishioners to complete pledges. Deacon Ed hopes to share pictures of the interior changes in the church during construction. Signage is going up on the gates indicating if the office is open or closed and where Masses are being held. All the Annexes will also have proper signage. Thank you to Jen for the QR codes on the benches in the MPR making donations easy.
- 115 children have signed up for Vacation Bible School the first week of June.
- Fr. continues to encourage more engagement activities that involve the children.
- The Budget will be finalized by the end of the month. We won't have much surplus this year.

- Congratulations to all for exceeding our CDA goal. Plans are in the works for an ice cream social the weekend of May 21 and 22.
- We will plan something for our Council members who have fulfilled their commitment as of June, 2022.
- Fr. James was appointed the head of the Deanery for the next 5 years.
- There is a new seating configuration for Mass which worked well during Communion and Confirmation Masses.

New Item – Russ

- We will review new applications to the Pastoral Council at the June meeting.
- David asked for special recognition for Lani and Dr. Rodriguez for all they did with the music over these past weeks and to Lani for the Mass livestreaming.

Lani offered the closing prayer.

8:00 pm Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Recording Secretary