

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023

In Attendance: Fr. James, Fr. Manasseh, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, David Portillo, Chris Smith, Russ Spencer

Excused: Jamie Bescak, Frank Polimene, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

6:30 pm Russ called the meeting to order. Members were asked to introduce themselves to the new members of the council.

Opening Prayer and a Reflection on today's Gospel given by Russ.

Roll call verified a quorum.

June minutes were approved by Pam and seconded by Jerry. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Update on Council By-Laws will be deferred until next meeting. Chris brought up the need to update the secretary description now that it is a voting position.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Events – Lani

- Father's Day Raffle Mexico trip- \$1,505 raised at the Gala, \$1,545.82 raised at raffle=\$3,050.82 total
- July 14th Bingo-98 attendees; \$1284 net.
- August 8th-Potluck Meet and Greet for the Dominican Sisters in the MPR.
- August 12th- Back to School BBQ-sponsored by Dad's Club, Knights of Columbus, SJB PTO and St. Benedict Parish. Cost to each group is \$275.
- August 26th-Music and Liturgical Retreat at Mount Claret from 8-2. Cost \$10; link to Realm for registration.
- August 27th-Dine-Out Event at Panera Bread Company on Warner Rd in Tempe. St. Benedict will receive 40% of each purchase.
- A slide is being prepared to announce returning events:
- Trunk or Treat-should we continue with this event in conjunction with SJB's Harvest Fest? Only 15 people decorated cars last year; Mountain Park Church is hosting their Trunk or Treat on October 28th. Following discussion the general feeling was to hold off on it for this year.

Knights of Columbus- David

- Isauro Amaro and John Garrity attended the Knights State Convention and presented checks to the St. Joseph Youth Camp and to the Aid and Support After Pregnancy organizations. It was announced that the October Rosary Celebration will honor Mary as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our Council received a certificate recognizing 25 years of our founding. Our Council has been selected to organize and host the 2025 State Convention at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel.
- We exceeded our goal for the state raffle, so we received \$2,772 for our St. VdP group.
- Stained Glass Window challenge exceeded goal; \$6,500 will go to the Resurrection window and \$1,087 will go toward the Pax window.

- A CUF Degree Ceremony was held June 17th we welcomed 5 new members and 1 transfer.
- Donations approved: \$250 for SJB Essay Contest; \$250 for water bottles for Andre House; \$500 for Fr. Manasseh to assist with his trip home for his Mother's funeral
- Knights assisted with St. VdP food bag drive; church set-up and furniture moving
- Fourth Degree Knights attended the following events: May 29th Red, White and Blue Mass, a Chalice Ceremony for Fr. Joseph Wambach on May 30th, a funeral Mass on May 31st, Priest Ordination on June 3rd and Color Guard at the July 4th Mass with Bishop Nevares.
- Parish Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited the last Wednesday of the month.
- A very active member, Dan Malloy passed away in June. No funeral or memorial service announced.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James thanked everyone for their prayers and support. He welcomed back Chris and her family from their trip to Africa and welcomed Fr. Manasseh back.

- New council members, Mike and Marilyn, we welcomed; Fr. thanked Mike for his commitment to the Blood Drives.
- Sister Delia will be arriving on August 5th; she will split her time between the parish and SJB. On Tuesday, we will have a Pot Luck to welcome the Dominican Sisters.
- We will have a new presentation on the Pilgrimage; only 9 people have signed up so far.
- A very generous parishioner has written a check to cover the whole cost of the robes for the Children's Choir.
- Construction Update-We have had a problem with the architect which has caused a delay; the work inside the Church is coming along.
- There was a Village Meeting on the Senior Housing Project. No objections were raised to the zoning change.
- There has been a re-alignment of staff roles and job descriptions have been reviewed. Fr. Manasseh will be in charge of Formation.
- On September 3rd, The Auxiliary Bishop Nevares will say the 11 am Mass.
- August 21st, will be the memorial Mass for Fr. Bob.
- Fr. Manasseh- thanked Fr. James for his support so he could be with his family in Nigeria after his Mother's passing. His family and siblings all express their gratitude for the generous support both spiritually and financially. A thank you to the Diocese for their assistance in renewing his Visa.

NEW BUSINESS

- Russ-We'll hold off on setting a date for the Pastoral Council induction.
- Chris asked if there was anything new on the Synod for our Parish? Fr. James noted that the Priests will be meeting on September 18th and the Bishop may discuss the Synod at that time.

7:40 pm Lani closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, Secretary