

Mary Mother of the Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Members present: Gene Earhart, Brett Forsman, Sarah Dickhausen

Opening Prayer - Gene Earhart led our group in prayer

Announcements - Gene E. shared plans that he would be stepping down as our council chair. Sarah D. will be stepping in to serve as the new chairperson.

Approval of Minutes - The group approved the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting minutes from the November 30th meeting.

Action Items to Review

Pastoral letter

New Action Items

Sarah will be reaching out to connect with all of the council members to get updated contact information and update the terms of service document.

Sarah will type up minutes, however we weren't sure if it would be considered an official meeting of the PPC due to just having three members.

Members are encouraged to continue to read and reflect on the Pastoral letter.

Ongoing Business

Synod Process - We will discuss this at more length in the upcoming meeting. Gene shared his thoughts from the Archdiocesan Synod Implementation Night held at Guardian Angels. He reported that he was encouraged and energized by the evening. Two things stood out to him, the first being a story the Archbishop share about a woman who fell in love with Jesus and Bishop William's words about a "cultural change in the local church".

New Business

Foundational Documents - We looked through some of the foundational documents that Nancy Arbogast shared with Sarah prior to the meeting. It was determined it would be good to review this at our next meeting.

Terms of Service - Sarah will connect with the members of the council and work with Nancy and Father to update the current document. We will review this again as a group. Brett mentioned the importance of New membership planning and onboarding.

Create current contact list - This has been added to action items for Sarah.

2023 Calendar Planning - Sarah will work with the Parish team to get a series of monthly meetings scheduled out for the year. The parish staff has mentioned that Thursday would most likely be the best day to continue to meet, and we are currently looking at sticking with the 3rd Thursday of each month. The group discussed whether quarterly or monthly memberships would be better, but decided it was a discussion best held with the group. In terms of efficiency Sarah will plan for monthly meetings and the group can adjust as needed after our next meeting.

Virtual meeting preferences - group would like to lay foundation for plans of best way to connect virtually when instances arrive that we can't meet in person.

Ministry Updates

The group discussed the benefits to having a Monthly Ministry report. It wouldn't be a report from all ministries at each meeting, but Father would work with his team to highlight various ministry areas throughout the year.

Prayer Intention

The group shared personal prayer intentions and wrapped up with the Synod Prayer from the Pastoral Letter.