

Mary Mother Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023 at 6:30pm

Assembly Room

People present at the meeting: Greg Mann, Brett Forsman, Father Jim Perkl, Father Tim Rudolphi, Rebecca Brubaker, Vivian Rogers, Sarah Dickhausen

General Announcements

Father Tim announced that he is being transferred to St. Edwards in Bloomington starting July 1st.

Synod Small Group Update

Brett Forsman reported that it was a great day. There was a lot of good and positive energy during the brainstorming sessions. Themes from the day were to take advantage and leverage the strengths that our church already has in place and to work to just keep building connections. Rebecca Brubakers shared her experience of walking together with her small group and the council all agreed that many great things can come from this Synod process.

Membership Update

Rebecca Brubaker will be joining the Parish Council and has agreed to a three-year term ending in June of 2026. Brett Forsman submitted a potential additional candidate to Father Jim to consider for joining the council and Father Jim is planning to connect with him this week. Sarah Dickhausen is in contact with another potential candidate, and would report back in June what this person's decision will be.

Ministry Update

Rebecca Brubaker shared a liturgical ministry update:

- Expanded altar server program to 2 persons at each Mass
- Successful partnership and planning with faith formation program to improve youth service opportunities
- Success in building a projection team for the screens in the church
- There is a need for more Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and we discussed ways that this could be achieved such as inviting new members through the RCIA process and sharing information before Mass.

Father Jim shared a Pastoral Care update:

- Sister Pranitha will be leaving Mary Mother due to a move and they are currently in the interview process for her position.

Brett Forsman shared an RCIA update:

- The RCIA program was holding an open house on May 21, 2023 at the 11am Mass.

Sarah Dickhausen shared an update on Faith Formation

- Recognition to both leaders of our youth faith formation for their passion and commitment to providing great programs. Acknowledgement was also made for the robust summer programming for Middle school and high school students.

Next Meeting - Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 6:30pm