

Mary Mother of the Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2023 - 6:30pm

Attendees: Father Jim Perkl, Father Tim Rudolphi, Nancy Arbogast, Brett Forsman, Greg Robinson, Sarah Dickhausen

Synod Pastoral letter and Synod Implementation Update

A discussion and update was held regarding the Archbishop's Pastoral letter and the Synod Implementation Plan for year one. Since the release of the pastoral letter in November of 2022, the parish has established the Parish Synod Evangelization team. This team is made up of parish members, staff, and trustees and they are currently half way through the formation process which includes attending the School of Discipleship. This team will meet with members of the Parish Council for a day as part of a small group Visioning Day currently being scheduled for either May 6 or June 3. Nancy Arbogast will send out a final date in the next couple of weeks. Father Rudolphi shared some creative ways that Risen Savior Church is working through their synod process including a "Synod Minute", Evangelization team members being highlighted in the bulletin, and special branding throughout communication when sharing information about the Synod Process.

A discussion was held about small group programs: grief group, baptism into parenthood groups, Theology on Tap and Vespers Groups.

Review of Foundational documents, terms of service and updated contact information

Nancy Arbogast gave a quick review of the Parish Council Foundational Documents provided by the Archdiocese of Minneapolis and St. Paul that were implemented in 2019. With the terms of Gene Earhart and Susan Mayer ending, it has been decided to start the search for two additional members. Please share potential candidates with Father Jim. Greg Robinson and Sarah Dickhausen both agreed to renew for one more term with a service end date of June 2026. . Greg R. also volunteered to be our team's record keeper/secretary. We are required to meet quarterly, but plan to stick to our monthly meeting schedule at this time. .

Rejoice Counseling Program

The parish has signed the contract with Rejoice Counseling and it has been approved by Catholic Mutual. Slated to start in July, this program comes at a cost of a monthly fee to the parish, but reduced fees for parishioners. The contract can be canceled with a 30-day written notice. At this time the Parish has plans to re-evaluate the program in one-year's time to determine impact and effectiveness of the partnership.

Knights of Columbus(KOC) Small groups

Father Jim gave an overview of a national program being rolled out by the KOC. This program provides a framework for small groups that focus on Fraternity, formation and prayer and will tie in nicely with the work being done by the Synod team.

Ministry Updates

Brett Foresman shared an update on RCI and announced some upcoming training and networking events being held in the metro area. Sarah Dickhausen shared some positive experiences coming out of the High School Faith Formation program.

The seminary talked with Father Jim and there is a possibility of Mary Mother hosting a Transitional Deacon over the summer.

