



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Pastoral Council

March 08, 2023

Members Present:

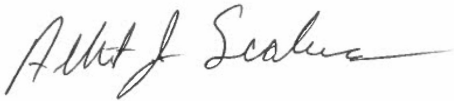
Fr. Danny Cogut, Pastor Susan Moore	Russell Chu Albert Scalera, Secretary	Jerry Ferguson, Chairperson Deacon John Beach	Jeff Krajnik, Vice-Chair Cathy Wizorek
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1. The meeting started with an opening prayer by Chairperson Jerry.
2. The minutes were approved via acclimation. No vote was necessary.
3. Paul Wyre to remove the solar lighting equipment from the parking lot as hard wire copper was buried and run to each of the light poles. Thank you to Doug Jessie, Mike McGuire, and Jerry Ferguson.
4. The Bishop's visit had a synodal format to it with inputs from the council's and the staff. Takeaways include the fact that there are challenges and opportunities. We appear to have turned the corner from the pandemic with regards to financials and demographics. In the near future the chalice can be brought back into the mass at the discretion of the pastor.
5. We had uninvited "guests" using the buildings on our vacant property necessitating the police department. We have given approval to the police to trespass such guests due to liability and security concerns. It was decided to remove the opportunity for such behavior by demolishing the buildings. An asbestos check must be made to determine the demo process and estimated costs. This is required before the application of a demo permit. The address is 1701 Longview.
6. It was suggested that the painting of Easter Eggs would be a great community activity.
7. The left hand side (as facing the choir) of the choir area has no means to support someone going up or down the stairs. Options for a railing will be looked at and implemented.
8. There was a member of the Franciscans who used one of our outside electrical outlets to charge his electric vehicle. This was done without prior approval. Also, there is no plans to create a charging station on the church property for such activity.
9. Deacon John's recap of the joint February meeting of councils and staffs.
 - a. It was a productive meeting.
 - b. The councils should "trade" representatives with a Finance Council member attending Pastoral Council and a Pastoral Council member attending the Finance Council. Since Pastoral Council meetings are open to the parish, there is no issue. It must be confirmed that someone outside of the Finance Council (a Pastoral Council Member) can attend their meetings.
 - c. Parish Financials and the Parish Committee structures are not as easy to address. A proposed meeting has been tentatively scheduled for April 25 at 6:30 to get the councils started on these activities. A stewardship of time and talent will be addressed and planned in the fall.

- d. A Pastoral Council table will be set up at least monthly on the weekend prior to our meetings to allow parish members an opportunity to voice concerns. Nametags for Council members should also be worn so that council members are easily identified. Getting current pictures of council members for the bulletin board will also help. Communicating the "openness" of Pastoral Council meetings, and the fact that a member is available after Mass on the weekend Masses prior to our scheduled meetings should facilitate parishioner involvement or at least the awareness of the opportunities available to them. It was decided that the concerns of parishioners who attend meetings will be addressed immediately after the meeting's opening prayers, so that parishioners can leave after their concern is addressed if they wish. If sensitive items are on the council's agenda, we can call for an executive session and dismiss the non-council members from the meeting.
 - e. We have had an attendance problem with some members of our council. Council's by-laws allow asking for a resignation when appropriate. We should be sensitive to our members, their particular situations and most of all be consistent in whatever process is used to address this issue.
10. There will be no "regular" meeting in April due to the April 25 joint meeting with Finance Council. Our next scheduled regular meeting would be May 10.
11. Closing prayer was the Synodal Prayer offered by Fr. Danny.

Meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert J. Scalera", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Albert Scalera
Secretary