



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Pastoral Council

January 18, 2023

Members Present:

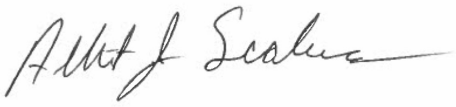
Fr. Danny Cogut, Pastor Susan Moore	Russell Chu Albert Scalera, Secretary	Jerry Ferguson, Chairperson Christine Stanley	Jeff Krajnik, Vice-Chair Cathy Wizorek
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1. The meeting started with the "Prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great" by Fr. Danny.
2. The election of new officers was the first order of business.
 - a. Chairperson elected was Jerry.
 - b. Vice-Chair was agreed to be Jeff, with no other amenable candidates or objections.
 - c. Secretary was Al, after Jeff agreed to be Vice-chair.
3. December minutes were brought up for approval. Motion by Al, seconded by Jerry, passed
4. The front door lock has been repaired. It will need to be replaced at some point. If possible, this project will be addressed after the heating and air conditioning issues are appropriately addressed.
5. Our Christmas season collections were good, but our deficit still exists.
6. We welcomed our new members Russell, Christine and Cathy.
7. Discussion regarding our plenary session:
 - a. We need to reach out to many groups that may not feel welcome. These include newcomers, youths and others.
 - b. How do we reach out to new families?
 - c. How are we welcoming the youth to our decision making process? Perhaps having a youth representative to council as we have had many years ago.
 - d. How do we keep the youth engaged after Confirmation?
 - e. The youth are much more digitally aware and use this means of communication much more than a handout or booklet.
 - f. The synodal process is an ongoing process
 - i. Governing from the center has its limitations.
 - ii. Localization of issues, where many issues are local in nature or have a different importance to different locations and should be addressed as such.
8. Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes are posted on our parish website. The minutes get emailed to Barbara for posting.
9. Pastoral Council Meetings are open to any that wish to attend. We should "announce" the meetings the weekend before. Reminder on the web site of meeting dates would also inform interested parishioners of the meeting dates and times. We should also reach out an invitation or remind groups, such as the youth, that the meetings are open.
10. We should reestablish a sitting Community Life Committee to address the new member welcoming.
11. We should rebuild Family Promise
12. Plenary session will be immediately after the 10:30 service on January 29.

13. Fr. Danny will email the Diocese Synodal Synthesis.
14. The Bishop's visit will be February 24. The plan is for the Bishop to visit St Gerard's in the morning and OLPH in the afternoon. Attendance is strongly encouraged for the joint session that will include Pastoral Council, Finance Council and the staff.
15. With the synodal meeting on 01/29 and the Bishop's visit on 02/24, the February meeting is cancelled.
16. Chairman Jerry made a personal welcome to Russell, Christine and Cathy.

Meeting adjourned after a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Albert J. Scalera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Albert Scalera
Secretary