

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 02/17/2025 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

Council Members: Fr. Fred, Dan, Deb, Lisa, Mike, Jim, Leigh, Wendy, Bob-President

Absent: Fr. Ryan, Barry, Lynne

Minutes: Leslie

Opening prayer: Fr. Fred led the prayer followed with reflection among the members.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Dan will contact Shannon to put the Parish Council Minutes from April through December 2024 on the website. The minutes from January 27, 2025 were approved.

Welcome New Members: Council members Wendy Philbert and Leigh Anne Odinet attended their first meeting.

Discussion-Insights to the Article – *The Conundrum of Parish Involvement by David G. Bonagura Jr.* The article by David G. Bonagura Jr. was reviewed. Fr. Fred and council members discussed ways the parish and youth could participate in outreach ministries. An ad hoc group with Deb, Bob, and Leigh Anne will work on developing one type of outreach event.

Fr. Fred provided more dates for activities/events Planning the Calendar for 2025: Some kinds of activities for parish engagement during Lent and at Easter were discussed. Fr. Fred shared his thoughts on our call as Pilgrims of Hope for the 2025 Jubilee. A double-sided information sheet regarding key events/activities during Lent and Easter will be inserted in the church bulletin.

Evangelization/Discipleship - Divine Intimacy – Divine Intimacy/Spiritual, Friendship/Witness (Win/Build/Send): During Lent parishioners can find opportunities for spiritual education/growth by accessing Formed on our website. Dan is in touch with Joyce Coronel. Joyce will give a workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM on how to participate in Christ in Our Neighborhood, (CION). It is a small group faith sharing opportunity for participants. At this time, 22 people have signed up to participate.

Fr. Fred shared Fr. Ryan's work with teens (Youth outreach) is going well. Fr. Ryan's "Strength for the Journey" classes are well received.

Finance Administration update: Campaign and Rectory Update: Fr. Fred is waiting for city approval. The CDA 2025 – "Hope does not disappoint" campaign is off to a good start. The mosaic honoring Padre Pio for the Confessional door is completed.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Fred ended the meeting with a prayer.

Upcoming Council Meetings: March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretary