

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 04/28/2025 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Fr. Ryan

Minutes: Leslie

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

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from March 24, 2025 were approved.

Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

- Lent and Easter: Response from parishioners who received crosses from the Holy Land during the April 6 weekend Masses were very positive. They have been in high demand. One parishioner has requested 100 crosses. Fr. Fred is requesting 250 more from the Holy Land for the parish.
- Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt activity was enjoyed by many parents and approximately 70 children.
- Appreciation Dinner May 2, 2025: The Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve dinner/refreshments for parishioners who have been involved in the parish ministries. Spouses are welcome to attend and enjoy activities with this year's theme, "Be True to Your School."
- Notre Dame Prep 2025 Baccalaureate Mass: This year the Mass will be held May 24th at St. Bernard's.
- Events/Support for Young Families: Fr. Fred discussed some ideas he is thinking of for young families/couples. Perhaps an activity such a "Trivia" game night with oven baked pizza.
- Community Outreach: Bob and Deb have been working on developing an outreach opportunity for students and/or parishioners which would involve filling bags or perhaps backpacks with a few hygiene products, a snack and water to be given to St. Vincent DePaul and Andre House ministries who can distribute them to those in need. Deb and Bob will determine possible dates to offer participation in this service.

Evangelization/Discipleship - Divine Intimacy – Divine Intimacy/Spiritual, Friendship/Witness (Win/Build/Send):

- Evangelization-Formed: Fr. Fred renewed our membership with "Formed."
- Christ in Our Neighborhood: Dan reported that 53 people want to participate in Christ in Our Neighborhood, (CION). One group that meets in the coffee shop is doing very well. Dan met with Mary Harty-Hill, coordinator of the Ministry of Care (MOC) to discuss possibilities for the MOC to facilitate CION in group homes or assisted living residences.
- Youth Outreach: Fr. Fred shared that work with the teens with Fr. Ryan is going well. There are approximately 8-10 participants in the Bible Study meetings.

Finance Administration update:

- Campaign and Rectory Update: A final document was submitted to the city to complete all required documentation. We can look forward to starting the building of the rectory in approximately 6-8 weeks. The project could take 10-12 months to complete.

- CDA 2025 – “Hope Does Not Disappoint:” The campaign has gone very well! We have exceeded our goal.
- Projects Planned: Fr. Fred reported we have a great estimate from one of our parishioners to have the parish Hall painted. In May we will have our roof redone. The children’s crying room will have a good sound system implemented thanks to a parishioner’s contribution.

Other Items:

- The mosaic in honor of St. John Vianney for the other confessional entrance has been ordered.
- Fr. Fred leaves within 2 weeks on his trip to Poland. He will take pictures, do short videos and put events in “Flock Note” so that parishioners can follow this journey. Fr. Ryan’s trip with a group to Italy is coinciding within this time frame.
- Fr. Ryan will be away the month of June.

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

Upcoming Council Meetings: May 27th; June 16th; July- No meeting; August 18th

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretary