

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 8/18/2025 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Council Members Present: Fr. Fred, Lynne, Jim, Wendy, Lisa, Leigh Anne, Barry

Bob-President was virtual

Absent: Fr. Ryan, Dan, Deb

Minutes: Leslie

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

Review and Approval of Minutes: The minutes from June 16, 2025 were approved.

Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

Events early in the 2025 calendar year discussed in more detail were:

- Sept. 13th Liturgy Ministry Meeting; Fr. Fred will give a talk
- Sept 19th Catholic Night at the Ballpark; tickets and a bus available
- Sept 20th Hispanic Ministry Event
- Sept 26th Putting & Pizza: Venue: Putting World, 16259 Scottsdale Rd. Lisa reported that the parents raising children one to 18 years will be able to enjoy fellowship with one another while having access to engage in a variety of casual or tournament style putting activities along with dinner and drinks provided. Hours: 6-9 PM; signing up and purchasing tickets after all Masses on Sept 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th. Council members agreed \$30 per person to attend the event. Minimum 30 attendees by Sept 14th to avoid cancellation.

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

- Fr. Fred is thinking of making a book available for parishioners during Lent. One example is Bishop Barron's book, "What We Believe."
- Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION): Fr. Fred has been in touch with Dan and the establishment of this ministry is moving forward.
- Liturgical ministry day of reflection and renewal will include Mass, refreshments, a talk by Fr. Fred, reflection and interaction for attendees.
- Christmas and Easter Books: Barry suggested the book, "A Beautiful Hope" from Dynamic Catholic as the Christmas gift book.
- Café Engagement, Evangelization and Community Growth: Fr. Fred is meeting with a small group to work on the "mission of the café!" During the Christmas season perhaps making available a Christmas ornament from the Holy Land in the café could be considered.

Finance Administration update:

- Campaign and Rectory Update: Fr. Fred is meeting with the builder to set a date to start.
- A small shrine will be built that allows parishioners shade if they are waiting outside near the parking lot for their rides. Some ideas for the shrine were "Our Lady of the Desert" and perhaps "Our Lady of McDowels."

- Clairvaux Legacy Society: January is the target date for the kick off” of an event to inform members of St. Bernard’s parish of ways of planning to provide a financial gift in a will.

Other Items:

- Jim Stubert’s term as a council member will be ending at the end of September. Council members will be thinking of replacements for those members ending their term of service.

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

Upcoming Council Meetings: September 22nd; next one; October 20th

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison, recording secretary