

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 9/22/2025 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Absent: Fr. Ryan, Dan, Barry, Lisa

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 August 18, 2025 were approved.

Virtual Meeting with Hallow representative regarding proposal become Hallow Parish Partner

- Mariana Lacouture described the function and benefit for parishioners having access to sites and features in Hallow through Parish membership.
- One theme for Hallow is to support building community through prayer.
- Another focus in Hallow is to support an encounter with God through prayer.
- Fr. Fred will take this proposal to the finance committee for their feedback.

Review of the Planning Calendar for 2025:

The following events in the 2025 calendar year were discussed in more detail:

- Nov. 5th Mass of Remembrance for St Bernard's community
- Sept. 26th Putting & Pizza will be postponed for another time. Council members unanimously approved this decision based on fewer than expected reservations to date. It was felt a greater number of people may be able to attend at a more convenient time.

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

- Christ in Our Neighborhood (CION): Fr. Fred has been in touch with Dan and the establishment of this ministry is moving forward.
- Sept. 13th Liturgical Ministry Day of reflection and renewal went well.
- Oct. 21st The hours for the Leadership Renewal and Formation evening is set for 6:30-8:00 PM. Fr. Fred is inviting all council members to attend and participate in its functioning.
- Christmas and Easter Books have been ordered.
- Café Engagement, Evangelization and Community Growth: Bob reported the café accepts credit card use. He made a proposal to make the coffee shop a place for youth to gather. A part-time staff & youth coordinator of events could support an itinerary of activities such as, a talent night, a time for guitar music, making pizza's and new Christ followers, entertainment with Formed: Angel Studios Movie Under the Stars and Youth Guest Speaker nights. Parishioners requested bagels which will be available to toast at the café.

Finance Administration update:

- Campaign and Rectory Update: some new donations for the rectory came in. We will be starting something in October with the rectory.

- The Play area will be recreated and designed with the input of parents who want to be involved in this project. The present condition of the play structure warrants its removal. The play area may be expanded with the input of our landscaping contractor.
- The first design for the small Shrine to provide shade for parishioners waiting at the parking lot for their rides is being reviewed. Additional refinements of the design will be made.
- Clairvaux Legacy Society: This endeavor is getting started.

Other Items:

- Jim Stubert is stepping down as council member. Advertisements for an opening in the parish council will be underway.
- Bob is working on developing a Parish Awareness Plan to enhance our awareness and ways to respond to unexpected medical issues such as, someone having a heart attack and training on the use of AED devices.
- Diocese of Phoenix is conducting surveys for parishes.

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

Upcoming Council Meetings: next meeting dates: Oct. 20th;
Nov. 17th
Dec. 15th

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison recording secretary