

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

In Attendance: Fr. James, Luis Acosta, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Chris Smith, Russ Spencer, Agustin Vizcarra, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Excused: Fr. Augustine, Deacon Juan Gonzales

Guests: Chase Phillips, Chris Phillips

6:32pm Meeting called to order

Since guests were present, Russ asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Opening reflection –Russ shared a personal encounter he had while on his Social Outreach practicum involving an invitation to pray and attend Mass.

Roll call verified a quorum.

March meeting minutes were approved by Chris, seconded by Lani and accepted unanimously.

SCOUT PROPOSAL AND SLIDE PRESENTATION – Chase Phillips

- Place 4 stone benches in the alcove outside the Gift Shop. Place a further 5 benches in every other arch going down the sidewalk in front of the offices.
- Fundraising would consist of asking parishioners to donate, asking for assistance within Troop #77, Luis suggested that the Knights of Columbus could help too.
- May 3rd has been proposed as the completion date for the bench project.
- Chase asked about the stained-glass piece that the Scouts had in the foyer of the prior Church. Deacon Ed noted that it has been saved but because it has the Scout logo on it and no items in the Church have a designation of who donated the item, we are unable to hang it in the Church. Jamie offered to have it at the school if Fr. James has no other suggestions.

Russ explained that the Council will review this project and Fr. James will get back to Chase ASAP. Council members thanked Chase for his presentation and he and his Dad left the meeting. Chase was encouraged to begin fundraising.

Closed session discussion followed. The proposal was accepted.

SJB – Jamie

- Enrollment for next year is 445; 38 applications still need to be reviewed
- May 22nd is the last day of school. There are 17 students graduating this year.
- Thank you for all the prayers for our Art Teacher who passed away.
- A new Art Teacher has been hired and is already on campus; other openings do exist for full and part-time teachers.
- SJB has moved up to #6 in the Best of AZ Business report. Please vote for SJB for the best private school at Best of the Valley site.
- **Birdies for Bosco** is almost sold out; sponsorships are still available.

- More time is requested at the next meeting to show the school video and review the Strategic Plan.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Events –Lani

- March fundraiser at Arriba's- we have not received the amount raised yet
- 04/11 will be the last Fish Fry after the Stations of the Cross. SJB students are leading the Stations
- Easter Sunday- The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the Church grounds following the 9am Mass. There are 3 raffle baskets.
- 05/03 Is the **St. Benedict Gala** celebrating 40 years of St. Benedict. Tickets are now on sale and Silent Auction items are up on the Frontstream website. Dinner music will be provided by Anjanette. The Sacred Art Gallery will provide a pop-up gallery. We are still looking for sponsorships for this event.

Knights of Columbus –Mike

- State raffle sales continue; drawing is on May 3rd.
- 03/29 Fr. Bob Binta Council Annual Golf Tournament
- 04/04 Knights coordinated Adoration
- 04/26 Parish CPR Training
 1. Free to up to 50 participants to complete the training
 2. \$31 to be certified
 3. Call Staying Alive at 480-205-0350 to register
- Our Council hosts the KofC State Convention on 05/2-4 at Wild Horse Pass
- Next Blood Drives: 05/18 and 09/21

Building/Facility – Deacon Ed

- Installation of additional speakers is complete.
- Both annex buildings need to be removed for building to begin on the Senior Living Facility. The buildings will be removed either by Notre Dame Prep or Bart Shea.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION – Agustin

- We have reserved Feb. 15th for next year's Parish Picnic
- The Hispanic Ministry is growing; we are adding more people and training
- The thermostats are saving us money and we're finding a more comfortable setting for everyone. The a/c unit in the choir has been fixed.
- Gift shop is doing very well. Amy and Lisa are running it.
- 2 applications for the Pastoral Council have been received so far.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James

- Fr. noted he was unable to attend the Information Night on the Senior Living Facility but heard it went well.
- Both the Lenten Mission and Retreat went well

- Ministry Leaders Meeting -The name of the Volunteer Appreciation Potluck was changed to Community Celebration Night. Date TBD.
- All plans are in place for Holy Week
- Thank you to Lani for all the plans for the **Gala**
- First Communion is April 26th

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luis has found the screw covers falling out of the pews. Deacon Ed is aware of this but no plans currently to replace the covers.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- We need to discuss dates for the SJB Harvest Festival and the Boot Scoot and BBQ
- June 7th is Connor Companik's First Mass; we need to decide on a gift for him.

Next Pastoral Council meeting is May 7th

At 7:42 pm Chris closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnston, Secretary