

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025

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

Absent: Fr. Augustine, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

6:32pm Meeting called to order

Opening reflection –Lani read a prayer from St. Augustine

Roll call verified a quorum.

January meeting minutes were approved by Pam, seconded by Chris and accepted unanimously.

Russ- Following a discussion with Fr. James, we will go back to our practice of Ministry Updates. These updates should be no longer than 2 minutes each.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Events –Lani

- Approximately 100 people attended the 1st Anniversary Mass and Reception
- In Person Bingo Raffle had record attendance of approximately 95 people
- Women's Spirituality was held Saturday, 02/01
- Welcome Sunday was 02/02. More to come on the re-structuring of this event.
- Inaugural Spanish Mass was 02/09, attended by 150 people; a reception followed.
- Parish Picnic will be Sunday, 02/23 from 12:30-3:00pm at Desert Breeze Park
- Lenten Fish Frys will begin Friday, 03/07 after Stations of the Cross
- Rummage Sale will be held 03/08 from 7am to 2pm in the SJB MPR and courtyard.

Knights of Columbus –Mike

- 01/05 –Adopt-a-Street Clean –Up in Ahwatukee completed
- 01/09 KofC Council Meeting- Funds were allocated to support our available clergy for attendance at 02/07 Priests Appreciation Dinner
- 01/19 Blood Drive- 40 check-ins
- 01/20 Knights attended the St. Benedict Anniversary Dedication Mass
- 02/07 Coordinated Parish Adoration
- 02/08 Parish Valentine's Dance held with 37 couples attending
- 02/08 Initiated sales of the KofC State 50/50 raffle tickets at Masses
- 02/09 Spanish Mass
- 02/09 Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser ended
- 02/12 next Council meeting
- 02/23 Knights will assist at the Parish Picnic

- 03/07-08 Knights will assist at the Parish Rummage Sale
- 03/29 Fr. Bob Binta Council Annual Golf Tournament 03/29
- 04/26 Parish CPR Training
- Our Council hosts the KofC State Convention on 05/24
- Next Blood Drives: 05/18 and 09/21

ST. JOHN BOSCO –Jamie

- Catholic Schools Week went very well. 30 families came to tour the campus. We are projecting 450 students for next school year.
- Parent Spring Conferences are going well this week.
- It was a good experience to be on the Accreditation Team at another school. A reminder to keep us on track with our own goals.
- Father/daughter Dance is 02/22
- Birdies Fore Bosco Golf Tournament will be held in May.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Agustin

- We are aware of the varying temperature inside the Church. Programmable thermostats with SRP rebates are being pursued.
- Gala- Please let Lani know of any businesses that might be sponsors at our Gala. Lani would like to get 3-\$20,000 sponsorships.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James

- It was a wonderful first Anniversary Mass with Bishop Olmsted. There are still some spots available on the Giving Tree, so more names may be added.
- Bishop Nuvares was here for our first Spanish Mass. We want to improve our bilingual communication so a tab for "Spanish" can be found on our website. Also working to make our bulletin bilingual.
- A Nigerian Community Mass is held once a month.
- Lenten Mission Retreat will be held 03/20-22
- Senior Living Center-no date at present for groundbreaking
- Deacon Connor Companik's Ordination is June 7th.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is scheduled for 05/17
- Please let Fr. James know of any dynamic speakers that could present at our Parish Speaker Series
- A Legacy Giving workshop is being considered to increase awareness of how people might include the Church in their will.
- Fr. has brought it to the Staff to consider starting a Young Adult Ministry.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Russ – We need to start the process of Council Elections for 4 empty seats. An announcement for the open seats should be in the bulletin by March.
- Marilyn passed on Volunteer thank you signs to Lani for possible use at the Volunteer Appreciation Night.

- Fr. James expressed the desire for a history of St. Benedict to be compiled. Chris is willing to take this on. Russ noted that this is the 40th Anniversary of our Church. Feast of St. Benedict might be a perfect time to complete this.
- March 12th will be our next meeting

Closing Prayer –Pam

7:20pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Johnston, Secretary