

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023

In Attendance: Fr. James, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Frank Polimene, Chris Smith, Russ Spencer, Al Van Vianen, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Excused: David Portillo, Fr. Manasseh, Martin Ruggiero

6:30 pm Russ called the meeting to order. Fr. James shared the history of St. Elizabeth Seton and asked for references for movies of her life.

Roll call verified a quorum.

November minutes were approved by Frank and seconded by Al. Minutes accepted unanimously.

ST. JOHN BOSCO – Jamie noted 9 new students started yesterday bringing enrollment to 387.

- Catholic Schools Week is January 30- February 4, 2023. Open House is February 1st.
- This is a week of festivities ending with the Gala on February 3rd.
- We are presently looking to hire a ½ time janitor to assist Daniel.
- We are assessing our teacher needs for next year; encourage anyone interested to submit their application.
- Budget-Smart thermostats have been installed to save money. Now looking into A/C units and solar panels for more savings.
- Tuition for next school year to be announced shortly.
- Al volunteered as a Science Fair Judge.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Building Update Deacon Ed- The rain set things back a little.

- Framing is going up inside; we're awaiting roof trusses.
- Frank is working on the altar and ambo
- Work on the stained glass windows continues to move along.

Events Lani- \$5000 profit from the Boot Scoot and BBQ

- Jan.20 is the next Bingo and Bake sale from 6-8pm.
- Feb. 19 will be the Church Picnic at Desert Breeze Park from 12:30-3pm.

Knights of Columbus Al- The Knights have been active with: StVdP Food drive, NFL Fundraiser (half the winnings back to the Knights), Rosary, Adoration, Mass of Remembrance

- 110 Coats for Kids were collected
- January 22 is the next blood drive
- Adopt a Family for Christmas - all families were taken of

- Winners for the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest have not yet been announced.
- Al inquired if the Knights would be asked to cook at the Church Picnic. Lani will be in touch.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James thanked everyone for this 'near normal' Christmas and New Year.

- Deck the Halls, Build the Walls raised \$11,000
- 10 more stained glass windows were sold, statues and Stations will be presented later.
- St. George will be the relic for the altar.
- Our Credit line has been extended to \$4.5M to finish all parts of the church.
- Position of Youth Minister has not been filled yet.
- Fr. asked for input on a possible Lenten Parish Retreat.
- Plans are to extend the children's participation in weekend liturgies as singers and readers.
- We are exploring the installation of solar panels for the Church and Parking areas.
- March 18, 2023- Church Gala called Friends of St. Benedict. Hope for 200 attendees, perhaps a car raffle.
- Strategic Plan- It is time to start planning for this in June/July.
- After prayerful consideration and with pre-approval from the Bishop, the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Rosary from San Francisco have been invited to visit our parish and school January 19-20. They would cover adult education, youth ministry and SJB. Their salary is in the budget.
- Sunday-Friday next week, I will be in Chicago to complete my 2 year study.

NEW BUSINESS Russ – We need to review and update the Pastoral Council by-laws and application. Members were asked to sign up to work on one of these items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jamie asked for everyone to vote in the Best of Ahwatukee for SJB and SJB teachers
- Deacon Ed asked for help on Friday morning and Sunday after the 5pm Mass to pack up all the Christmas statues.
- Welcome Sunday is after the 9am Mass this Sunday.
- Thank you to Frank and Dianne for the Christmas Party.

Russ said the Closing Prayer

7:59pm Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnston, Recording Secretary