

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024

In Attendance: Fr. James, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Lani Gore, Marilyn Johnston, Mike Low, Fr. Manasseh, Frank Polimene, David Portillo, Chris Smith, Russ Spencer, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Guest: Greg Bedell

6:35 pm Russ called the meeting to order.

Jerry offered a reflection based on Fr. Manasseh's homily and belief in the Eucharist.

Roll call verified a quorum.

Frank motioned to approve the minutes and David seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

PORTERS OF ST. JOSEPH - Greg Bedell

- Thank you to the Priests and Staff for their support in the start-up of this program.
- Porters cover security and medical incidents. Members are CPR trained and some have more extensive training.
- 7 members are currently active.
- We require a minimum of 3 Porters per Mass (main door, #2, #5 doors). A 4th Porter would be in the parking lot.
- We are presently covering the Sunday 9am Mass.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL- Jamie

- 42 students had a beautiful Graduation in the new Church.
- School resumes on August 7th.
- Maintenance will progress through the summer throughout campus.
- Accreditation- Our yearly report has just been submitted. The school Strategic Plan is now being finalized and will be presented to parents at Curriculum Night in August.
- SJB has received an endowment gift of \$315,000.
- 435 students have completed enrollment for next school year.
- Fencing around pre-K and offices will go in next week.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Building Update – Deacon Ed and Frank

- We will be meeting with the flooring company to discuss some issues.
- The floor in the SVdP room is ready and they can move in.
- The Gift Shop and the Hospitality closet have been cleaned out.
- The problem doors have been resealed.
- The mailbox is in.

- The Stained Glass Last Supper should be installed on 6/19.
- Holy water receptacles for the transept doors have been ordered.
- We are working on a handicap railing for the altar.

Events – Lani

- Last Women’s Spirituality meeting of the season was May 4th. Next meeting is Oct. 4.
- Roses were handed out on Mother’s Day.
- Connor Companik’s potluck- About 100 people attended.
- The last monthly Welcome Sunday was June 1st; they will resume in September.
- Dine Out fundraiser will be on Father’s Day at CK’s Bar and Grill.
- A potluck for Fr. Manasseh will be on June 30th after the 5pm Mass. There will be a Memory Book in the Narthex for people to sign beginning Sunday.
- July 12th – next Bingo in the SJB MPR from 6-8pm
- Save the Dates: 1. BBQ and Boot Scoot- Saturday November 16th
2. St. Benedict Gala- Saturday May 3, 2025

Knights of Columbus – David and Mike

- Essay contest – “Evangelizing in the Digital Age” The top essays were written by Harmony Rodriguez-Sanchez (3rd place, \$75), Preslie Odenberg (2nd place, \$125), Elle Bescak (1st place, \$150).
- Knight’s State Raffle drawing was held May 17th/18th. Winners are being notified.
- May 19th Blood Drive was smaller than usual. Next drive is September 22.
- \$250 was donated to St. Williams Catholic Church to help them serve their community following the fire. Another \$357 was collected from the members to aid their SVdP.
- We celebrated Knight Connor Companik’s ordination on May 26th.
- We are working to include members to attend the planning of the Arizona Rosary Celebration in October.
- Our council will host the State Convention May 2-4th, 2025.
- Golf Tournament was very successful. \$500 was donated to each of 10 charities and \$5000 was donated to our SVdP Conference.
- Next Rosary is June 26th in the chapel
- Elections were held. The new Grand Knight will be John Garrity, the Deputy Grand Knight will be Luis Acosta.

FR. MANASSEH’S REPORT

- VBS will be held June 10-14th. 77 students, 27 adults and 16 youth will be present.
- Youth Group Bible Study will be June 9th to July 20th
- A thank you to everyone. It has been a blessing being here and sharing with everyone. St. Benedict will always be home.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Fr. James

- A thank you to Fr. Manasseh for his commitment to our community. He will celebrate all Masses the last weekend of June prior to his re-assignment.

- Congratulations to Russ on his acceptance into the Diaconate program.
- Thank you to Deacon Ed and Frank for their tireless efforts to fix everything.
- Thank you to Lani for the reception for Connor Companik.
- Parish Strategic Plan is almost ready-it is in the implementation planning stage. Thank you to Pam for being the Secretary of the group.
- A meeting with Sr. Liza and Sr. Delia to review job descriptions and how best to fill the position Sr. Ruth left.
- David has submitted his resignation from the Council since he is moving.
- Finance Meeting – The SJB budget is good. Work still needs to be done on the Church budget. Saturday June 15th will be a Parish Informational Night.

OTHER BUSINESS- Due to vacations, Russ made a motion to cancel our scheduled July meeting and schedule our next meeting for August 7th. Lani seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION – Russ thanked everyone around the table for all their work this past year. He especially thanked David for his service both on the Council and the Knights.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike thanked Fr. Manasseh for the blessing for the graduates last weekend. Many graduates stood up for this blessing.
- Deacon Ed asked about a welcome for our arriving priest, Fr. Augustine.
- Fr. James asked about something special for our St. Benedict Feast Day on July 11th. Following discussion, it was decided that a reception will follow Mass that evening welcoming our new priest.
- Frank asked for continued announcements for ministry help. Russ has recently sent out reminders to stop in the sacristy to check if there are any open positions for that Mass.
- Frank indicated that he has wood left from the construction of the altar and the large cross. He asked for suggestions on how it could be used to benefit the parish.

8:15 pm Closing Prayer – Russ

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnston, Secretary