

Pastoral Council  
Summary Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2024

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

**Excused:** Fr. Augustine

6:31 pm Meeting called to order

Opening reflection by Russ on the Diaconate's introduction to Homiletics.

**WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER** Luis introduced himself; he knows most of the Pastoral Council members. Luis was born in Peru and lived in Canada prior to coming to the US. He and his family are active St. Benedict parishioners.

Roll call verified a quorum.

Mike motioned to approve the minutes and Jerry seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **MINISTRY REPORTS**

KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS –Mike and Luis

10/4: Coordinated Parish Adoration

10/6: Tempe Tardeada Event Clean-Up

- Over 15 Knights made light work of post-event clean-up

10/15-31:

10/27: Rosary Sunday

- Phoenix Civic Center, 2-4:15 PM
  - o Council member Ken Garcia again coordinated St. Ben's participation
    - § Altar Servers, Ushers
    - § Procession: 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights and Banner, Ministry Reps
  - o Our KoC Council again funded transportation for parish attendees
    - § 13+ seats used of 15 available

10/30: Led Adopt-a-Street, Ahwatukee (S. Mtn. Parkway, Chandler Blvd to Ray Road), 7 AM

10/30: Coordinated Parish Rosary, 7 PM

10/31: Close of Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, with Theme: Leadership Virtues

- Lead: Al VanVianen
  - o Included SJB 8th graders
  - o Cash prizes for top 3 essays

Ongoing Oct-Nov, in partnership with SVdP

- Coats for Kids 2024 donations underway – to benefit residents of De Colores
- Adopt-a-Family – 1 to 2 families to be sponsored

## **Upcoming programming and events -November 2024**

11/9-10: Ministry Fair set-up and representation

11/9-10 and 11/16-17: Assisting SVdP with Thanksgiving Food Drive

11/14: Fr. Bob Binta Council Meeting

11/27: Parish Rosary

## Future Dates

- o Parish Valentine's Dance, 2/8/2025
- o Parish Blood Drives: 1/19, 5/18, 9/21/2025
- o KofC Fr. Bob Binta Council Annual Gold Tourney: 3/29/2025
- KofC Fr. Bob Binta Council hosts KofC State Convention: 5/2-4/202



## EVENTS-Lani

- Women's Spirituality met Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Monthly Welcome Sunday –Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several council members attended
- Ministry Fair is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- BBQ and BOOT SCOOT, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm in the MPR
  - We need council member support and attendance
  - Tickets are \$30 for adults; \$10 for children
  - Lani will speak at all Masses this weekend to drive sales
  - Great silent auction items
- Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Choir Christmas Concert Singalong and cookie exchange
- Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Staff/Teacher Christmas Party at the Rectory
- Saturday Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Women's Spirituality
- Kendra Scott instore and online fundraiser – Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 in the store and 48 hours online. 20% will be donated back to St. Benedict.

## BUILDING UPDATE – Deacon Ed

- The ceiling in the St VdP room is almost complete
- Changes have been made to the sound system; they are looking for feedback. There seemed to be a lot going on at the AV position in the choir loft. This position is still open- 4 applications have been received.
- Anita Buckel has done a tremendous job clearing out the storage boxes, closets, etc. We should send her a thank you. Marilyn will take care of this. Fr. is having one sent from the Staff too.
- Lani indicated she is aware of how to get a free dumpster and will get that number to Deacon Ed.

## ST. JOHN BOSCO REPORT – Jamie

- This is conference week, Monday through Thursday. We are trying Team Conferences and they are working out nicely.
- Jamie is in the process of teacher observations. The teachers are aware these observations are being recorded. Jamie feels she is able to give better feedback to the teachers.
- Present enrollment is 438.
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> is Open House; 12 families of preschoolers have already signed up for tours
- Re-enrollment begins in December. No new student will be accepted until after re-enrollment closes

- Running with Roscoe - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> is the fundraising kickoff. The fundraising page is MyBooster.com.
- Please register for the Night of Hope. If we have the most participants, we would receive \$5000. At this time, we are #5.

**PASTOR'S REPORT – Fr. James**

- A thank you to everyone for their prayers and support and Happy Birthday to Pam.
- I would like to welcome Luis to the Pastoral Council.
- There has been a Press Release announcing the Assisted Living facility. We should receive a Q and A concerning the building and I will send it on to the parishioners. We hope for groundbreaking in April, 2025. This is up to the Bishop and Diocese to decide.
- This is a busy month. The All Souls Novena will end on Sunday. We also have the Ministry Fair and Youth Encounter Event on Sunday.
- A special thank you to Frank and Deacon Ed for installation of the sprinklers in the St. VdP room and installation of the new speakers.
- A thank you gift should be sent to Anita Buckel from the Staff for all the work she's done.
- We are beginning interviews for the Parish Manager's position.
- Phil is interviewing applicants for the A-V position.
- We have received a generous donation from a parishioner's will.
- Both priests will speak at the weekend Masses about End of Year Giving. We are almost ready to launch the kiosk, which will cover all forms of giving.
- Once a master inventory list has been compiled, we can open the Gift Shop.
- Save the Date-June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for the Ordination of Deacon Connor Companik.. Mass and reception will be at St. Benedict's.
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>- Staff/Teacher Christmas Party at the Rectory
- Angel Giving Tree- this year parishioners can choose an ornament with a monetary donation on it that will go to the group of their choice- St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus or Parish Debt Reduction.
- No one on the Pastoral Council offered to host the combined Christmas Party this year, so Fr. will ask the members of the Finance Council.
- Mike asked Fr. about the possibility of a restricted account to help reduce our debt. Fr. is working with the Bishop, but there is no such account at this time.
- We are hoping to keep the other 2 Annexes on our campus.

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS –Russ**

- We will hold off on filling Frank's seat on the council at this time. In March, we will be posting for applicants for the 2 open seats.
- Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>

7:42pm Marilyn closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Johnston, Recording Secretary

