

Pastoral Council
Summary Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024

In Attendance: Fr. James, Jamie Bescak, Jerry Biegler, Pam Boggs, Lani Gore, Mike Low, Russ Spencer, Deacon Ed Winklebauer

Excused: Marilyn Johnston, Frank Polimene, Chris Smith, Fr. Augustine, one open seat

Guest: Heid Hill (Legion of Mary)

6:30 p.m. Meeting called to order

Opening prayer/reflection by Pam Boggs

Roll call and verified a quorum

Pam Boggs motioned to approve the September minutes and Mike Low seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

GUEST PRESENTATION: Heidi Hill

- Legion of Mary – overview:
 - 4M active members and 100M auxiliary members
 - Motto of the Legion is “To Jesus through Mary - everywhere that Jesus is, Mary is”
 - The St. Benedict group was started in March 2024
 - 3 active members currently – they need 4 members to be an active presidium and the work done will be counted and St. Benedict will be officially counted as having a Legion
 - There are 13 auxiliary (prayer) members at St. Benedict
 - A packet is given to auxiliary members with daily prayers and rosary 30 minutes/day time commitment
 - Legion of Mary is represented at the monthly welcoming event
 - Council suggested that they do a slide and a pulpit announcement and a bulletin blurb
 - Meetings are once a week on Thursdays in the Bridal Room at 4:30 for 90 minutes, they pray a rosary and go through some readings, talk about their works and pray

ST. JOHN BOSCO REPORT: - Jamie

- Gala: raised \$180k, after expenses approx. \$151 - \$154k. Goal was \$150k.
- Two title sponsors – Tempe Dodge Kia and Wild West Dentistry
- Money from events (Gala, Running with Rosco, Golf Tournament) is going to big initiatives
 - Jungle gym \$30k
 - Update fence trim and doors ~\$70k
 - Update PE restroom ~\$50k (other restrooms will be updated later)

- Updating upper and lower courts resurface (painting) ~\$30k
- Swing set shade structure ~\$77k
- Pre-school/Kinder open house on November 11, 2024 starts at 8 a.m. tours of the school will be done by ambassadors.
- Asst superintendent is coming to tour the school
- Accreditation update:
 - One of the accreditation goals is to look at the gospel values
 - All grades are assigned a gospel value that they model their community service around ensuring they match each gospel value.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

Events - Lani Gore

- BBQ and Boot Scoot is November 16th, 6-9 p.m. early bird tickets are on sale now through October 15th. Early bird price is \$30 for adults (\$35 after Oct 15th), \$10 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. Donations of gift cards and alcohol are needed
- Harvest Festival is October 26, 2024 – Lani is emceeing with Mr. Tyler

Knights of Columbus - Mike Low

September 2024

- 9/6: Coordinated Parish Adoration
- 9/12: Welcomed New Members and Transfers to our Council!
 - Scott Thomas, Tim Waring, John Dolan, Travis Stowey
- 9/22: Held Parish Blood Drive
 - 44 donor check-ins
 - 37 successful donations
 - 2025 Drive Dates: January 26, May 18, September 21
- 9/23: Funeral for Megan Holmes, daughter of past Grand Knight Brian Golembiewski
- 9/25: Coordinated Parish Rosary
- Donations: Maggie's Place, SJB Gala
- Special Projects: Priority tree staking on church grounds
 - Team: Jeff Dilbeck and Dave Belousek
- Ongoing: Prep for Rosary Sunday
 - Signage, Flyers, Prayer Intention Box in the Narthex
 - Funding for Parish bus/transportation approved
 - Transport Sign-Up sheets active n Narthex
- Upcoming programming and events - October 2024
 - 10/4: Parish Adoration
 - 10/6: Tempe Tardeada Clean-Up
 - 10/10: Fr. Bob Binta Council Meeting
 - 10/27: Rosary Sunday

- 10/30: Adopt-a-Street, Ahwatukee (S. Mtn. Parkway, Chandler Blvd to Ray Road), 7 AM
- 10/30: Parish Rosary, 7 PM
- Special Projects:
 - Fr. Bob Binta Council K of C Poster Board/Display Case: Narthex
 - Team: Scott Svatora, Isauro Amaro, Paul Spatz, Alex Van Vianen
 - Potential golf cart raffle by the KOC to raise funds

Building/Facilities - Dcn. Ed

- Frank put lights up for confessionals, red lights when the confessional is occupied
- Frank will fix broken kneelers in Chapel and main Church

PASTOR'S REPORT - Fr. James

- Fr cut the tree down on the south corner of the parking lot.
- Father will be less involved in Parish Administration, a role was posted Oct 1, 2024 on the Diocesan website for a Parish Manager – they will be a part of the Finance and Pastoral councils and part of the Staff administration
- Frank will step down from the Pastoral Council for personal reasons.
- Father is looking to fill the open appointed position on the council.
- Erin Fish is our new youth minister, and she is working to attract more young people to the church
- Gift shop opening is TBD, more details to follow
- Alter server appreciation went well, they were given a certificate and a book. All new altar servers will receive a certificate the first time they serve
- Via Christi appeal is this weekend (Oct 5th and 6th) Fr. Clemment will celebrate all masses
- A February 2025 date has been selected for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Lectors: Michele Edison resigned, and Melissa Ainsworth will take her place to lead the Lectors
- Annual pastoral report will come out by the end of this month
- We still need a volunteer directory
- We need a committee to work on the history of the church – Chris Smith has volunteered to work on the committee
- Father is leading all the Board of Directors meetings in the Deanery.
- Virtual tour of the church is ready and it should be live by this weekend
- Final stage of the Credit card Kiosk underway for folks who want to give by Credit Card
- St. Benedict was selected by the Diocese for a pilot study called the Disability Ministry.
- Rosary Sunday, Oct 27th, KOC and altar servers will participate
- Boy Scout Christian made the request to put a stone wall up behind the statue of St. John Bosco for his Eagle project, the project was approved and he obtained more than enough funding, the project will begin this Saturday, October 5, 2024

- Capital campaign will be closed in October. Debt reduction plan will begin in November and it will be announced to the parishioners
- Our collection is down; 47% of newly registered parishioners are not giving anything
- Confession line and daily Mass attendees (30-60 people) are growing.
- Bible study had over 40 people the first night, a request was made from some parishioners to do a Bible study in the mornings.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Russ closed the meeting with a prayer
Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting:

November 6, 2024

Minutes taken by Lani Gore and respectfully submitted to Marilyn Johnston, Secretary,
Russ Spencer, President and Pam Boggs , Vice President for Review
Summary of Meeting Minutes submitted by Marilyn Johnston, Secretary