

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Oct. 26, 2023 ~ 6:30 - 8:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Parish Mission: Prince of Peace is a welcoming and engaged Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayerful worship and sharing our gifts of charity, compassion, and service.

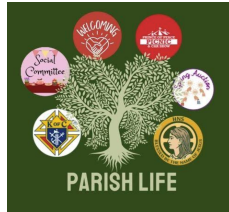
Parish Council Members X=Present			
x	Deacon Jeff Prickette- Parish Administrator	x	Donell Bonetti- co chair/member at large
x	Doug Wichman- Secretary Trustee		Sara Shefchik- co chair/member at large
x	Jackie Goral- Discipleship	x	Deb Bos- Community Life
x	Jennifer Mahoney- member at large (Young Adults)	X Virtual	Jenny Vandenlangenberg- Family and Youth Initiatives & PC secretary
x	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Barb Rueckl- Worship
x	Phyllis John- member at large (Welcoming)		

1. Opening Prayer was led by Barb.
2. Donell gave a few updates and reminders including: Kathy and Donell are securing plates, coffee cups, silverware and a few other kitchen supplies for the new Community Room. St. Mary's of the Angels in downtown Green Bay will be selling their school building in the future. For a donation, these items can be secured (and stored there until we are ready for the supplies.) Another note: Be aware of earlier deadlines for the bulletin, as we head into the holiday season.
3. The Grant opportunity submissions are due soon to the Diocese. Let Donell know if you are interested in finding out more.
4. There are 4 remaining rooms that need to be named in the new building. The Council talked again about getting the parishioners involved in the process of choosing a Saint for each room. This is what was decided:

Jennifer M. presented a document with 2 name options for each room, with a little information about each Saint. In January, we will use an updated version of this document as a bulletin insert to educate the parishioners on their options. The following week and weekend voting can take place via Flocknote or by paper ballots at church in the Gathering space after Masses. Jennifer will make the arrangements for a bulletin insert and will format what will be sent out. We can talk about further details of the voting at the next meeting in December.

5. Organizational structure-There were several items discussed at prior meetings that were left unresolved, so we took time to address them tonight.

- a. Community Life will be renamed Parish Life. It now includes the Welcome Committee, Social Committee, Picnic Committee, Spring Auction Committee, Holy Name, and Knights of Columbus. We recommend that representatives from each of these groups meet twice per year to discuss what they are working on and what their future goals are so that everyone is on the same page and aware of what the others are doing. This is the logo that the PC chose to represent Parish Life on the Website, Annual Report, etc.



- b. Welcoming Committee is represented on the Parish Council by an At Large Member (Phylliss John)
- c. Young Adult Committee will be represented by another At Large Member (Jennifer Mahoney). She will need to receive updates from Neil and the YA Committee each month and attend meetings as her time allows.
- d. We are also in support of adding a COMS "Committee" (Community Outreach and Media Support). Red Sember would head up this committee/ministry. There would not need to be a representative on Parish Council but members from that group may be invited to join in PC meetings as needed. Red will also be asked to provide a monthly report to Donell (PC Co-Chair/At Large Member).
- e. Jackie suggested that we start mentoring people on our committees to take the co-chair and council spots when our terms end. Also, how can we get new members active after they have settled in?

6. Young Adult Ministry Update-The group talked about the challenges that this area is facing. The committee has dwindled to just a few members, and there have not been many young adult events held this year. Jeff acknowledged that this is a hard demographic to reach and it will take time. Jeff will work with Neil on connecting him with other parishes that have successful Youth and Young Adult Ministry programs in our Diocese. Jackie mentioned several ideas and resources. How can the Parish Council support with more ideas and structure? We still feel strongly that this is an important area of focus where there is a gap in programming and connections with the young people that have gone through our RE Program and are now young adults. Donell, Jeff, and others would like to take another look at the Job Description for this area as well as a few others, as we are at a different point now than we were just a couple of years ago.

7. We discussed what we would like to see for an All Committee Workshop in 2024. We decided to have Jackie look into the cost and availability for Kristin Bird of Burning Heart

Disciples to hold a 3-4 hour Entrust retreat on the morning of either Jan. 13 or 20th. It could focus on how to reach out to parishioners and beyond, leading and mentoring people, and different levels of discipleship. Deb suggested that it would be great to have it tailored for where we are at in building our community and our needs. What is the vision for our new building? Let's work on making space for Jesus physically and spiritually. Jackie will report back what she finds out.

8. Respect Life Committee formation update: Jeff would be in support of a committee being formed, but feels it would need representation on the Parish Council or under another committee. Jeff will have a discussion with the person requesting the committee to find out more on what they would do and who and how they are recruiting to join and will get back to us.

9. Donell wants us to start thinking about the idea of having all committees meet on one night of the week, such as Tuesday nights or Thursday nights so that more coordination between the committees could take place and Deacon Jeff could pop into the meetings and not need to be here for meetings every night of the week to lighten up his schedule. Parish Council and Finance Council would have to meet on different nights because he must be present at both of them.

10. 2023-24 Liturgical Year Theme (begins Dec. 3): Making Space for Jesus

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12 6:30-8:00p.m.

12. Barb closed us in prayer and asked that starting on November 1 and lasting through November 9, to please make this Novena prayer part of your daily routine as the Building Continuation Committee contacts parishioners who have not yet donated to the building fund.

"Heavenly Father, open the hearts of our fellow Prince of Peace members. Guide them in their decision of stewardship in our commitment of "Making Space for Jesus". This we pray in Your Name, Amen."

Meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenny VandenLangenberg.