

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Sept. 26, 2023 ~ 6:00 | 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	x	Sara Shefchik- co chair/member at large
x	Jackie Goral- Discipleship	x	Deb Bos- Community Life
	Jennifer Mahoney- member at large	x	Jenny Vandenlangenberg- Family and Youth Initiatives & PC secretary
x	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Barb Rueckl- Worship
x	Phyllis John- member at large (Welcoming)		Rep needed - Young Adult Committee

Additional guest: Kathy Pelnar

Reminder to all: Thursday, October 19 @ 6pm = Annual Parish meeting

1. Opening Prayer: Jackie led the group in Lectio Divina as she read from Matthew 13:1-9
2. Kathy and Donell presented some updates and asked for the group's input on some design choices and furnishings for the building addition. Below are some decisions that were made and points that were discussed at the meeting.
  - a. Community Room - Agreed to get pricing on 5' Round Tables of similar quality to the current tables in Fellowship Hall, as well as stackable chair options.
  - b. Community Room ceiling will have acoustic drop ceiling tiles. This with the flooring will be good for the sound in the room, possibly not needing the baffles.
  - c. Warming Kitchen flooring will match what is in the community room, no special flooring required since food will not be prepared in there.
  - d. Reminder going forward, any changes we request will incur charges per the architect.
  - e. Technology for Zoom meetings as well as security cameras will be included in the Money Counting/Multi Purpose Room on the main level.
  - f. The other room on the main level will be multipurpose but will be set up to accommodate babysitting when needed. There will be a table in half of the room and toys/games stored in the cabinets located in this room. It will also have security cameras.
  - g. Updated broadloom carpet choices were shared. This option of rolled carpet is being explored as it is more cost effective versus the tile carpet that was initially chosen. Kathy and Donell are working with Hubs, who also installed the carpet of the original church build and are long time parish members. Additionally, bathroom tile was further explored for more cost effective options (with Joski, who completed the installation of

the original church build and are long time parish members). It was decided that staying with the original choice was the best option.

- h. Information boards/bulletin boards will not be placed immediately. We will wait to settle into the space to decide if/where they make sense. With the changes in marketing (website, QR codes, Flocknote, TV above fireplace, etc.) more bulletin boards may not be needed for marketing events. The entry way/corridor bulletin boards will remain, along with the ones in Fellowship Hall and the one across from the bathrooms.
- i. Altar stones from our past churches will be placed in the bookshelf area's "brochure/library" in the Welcome Center on a shelf behind a glass cabinet that will match the museum.
- j. We will look for an inspirational quote or Bible Verse to adhere to the wall above the counter in the Welcome area that's about 9'x5'. -Another option is to have seasonal decorations.
- k. Parishioner Jacob Mathys will work on his Eagle Scout project together with Ryan Mathys and Roy Lindeman for landscaping an area in front of the new addition.
- l. Kody will be working with an IT specialist on choosing the best method for a calendar/app. which shows what groups are meeting/events are being held in multiple rooms/room availability.
- m. A donation "wish list" will be rolled out in 2024 to help offset the expenses of furnishings/items needed for the rooms in the new space. This will replace the Christmas Wish List that is posted in December.

3. Four rooms (2 meeting rooms on main level, Brides/Nursing Room, and one Multipurpose Room in the lower level) still need to be named. Jennifer Mahoney has been researching some ideas of appropriate Saint names, etc. She, along with anyone else who has ideas, will propose them to the Parish Council for review at the next meeting. We will narrow down the list and prepare the choices and their explanations for the Parish to vote on via Flocknote.

4. The next New member dinner will be held on October 21st. Each committee is encouraged to have a member present to share information about them and their upcoming events. If possible, we are hoping to have sheets or magnets to hand out with a QR code on them that will bring new members to the Events page on the Parish Website.

5. Jackie is encouraging the group to attend an Entrust retreat facilitated by the Diocese. After some discussion, we advised Jackie to check into the possibility of a one day abbreviated version of the retreat to be held at Prince of Peace in February. All committee members and parishioners could be invited. The focus would be on how we can grow and lead others while making space for Jesus.

6. *Beautiful Eucharist* (copyright 2023 by Dynamic Catholic) will be the book that is given out at the Christmas Masses.

7. A parishioner is interested in forming a Respect Life Committee. Deacon Jeff will follow up with him to let him know that the Parish Council is requesting more information including the

purpose and the vision of what the committee will be doing. It's also important to note that any new committees need to be guided by an existing committee, one that has representation on Parish Council.

8. Holy Martyrs Church murals will be sent to the Diocese for their museum. Kathy, Deb Bos, and Donell have been organizing historical documents from both Holy Martyrs and Trinity that were in the basement/stored in the museum cabinets. Additionally, they have been recording historical information for the items that were in the museum. The items will be displayed in a similar fashion in the museum (behind the glass sliding doors in the existing conference room), along with placards that showcase information about each item.

9. Parishioners will be notified that they can bring in blessed items to be properly disposed of by being buried when the basement walls get backfilled. There's also a few items from Holy Martyrs and Trinity that will be buried too. These are items that are tattered or cannot be repurposed/used.

**Next meeting:** October 26, Thursday 6:30-8pm; note the Annual Parish meeting will be on Oct. 19 @ 6pm

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

**Respectfully Submitted by: Jenny VandenLangenberg**