

Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 22, 2023 ~ 4:00 - 7:00pm ~ 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
	Gene Hoelter- Secretary Trustee	x	Sara Shefchik- co chair/member at large
x	Jackie Goral- Discipleship	x	Deb Bos- Community Life
x	Jennifer Mahoney- member at large	x	Jenny Vandenlangenberg- Family and Youth Initiatives & PC secretary
	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Barb Rueckl- Worship
x	Phyllis John- member at large (Welcoming)		Erik Wiegand - Young Adult Committee

Additional Attendees: Red Sember, Kathy Pelnar & , Janet Lotto (chair of Community Life)

1. Opening Prayer was provided by Barb
2. The Council voted on the new liturgical year theme for 2023/2024 which begins in Advent that will help to frame our activities/events. The theme of "Making space for Jesus" was chosen. It is timely as we make more physical space with the new build that we always remember to make space for Jesus in that facility as well as into our individual lives.
3. Sara and Donell will collaborate on a wrap design for the napkin cans used at the Church Picnic. They will include information about upcoming parish events, inspirational saint quotes, etc.
4. The Picnic Committee asked for our input on guidelines/rules for large events at our parish. Rules from other events were reviewed and discussed, but ultimately we feel that at the picnic we need to make sure there is no smoking under the tents, and that pets are not allowed on the grounds that day. The police officers we have hired for that day can enforce those rules, and Red will work on the messaging for no pets in our advertising and on signs at the entrances.
5. We reviewed the updated drawings of the building addition and will talk more about what will be stored in each room at the July PC Meeting.
6. Donell presented the [Basement storage relocation](#) plan that will begin implementation as soon as possible to move items out of the way of the new construction when it starts. All committee chairs have been notified of the moves that need to be made.
7. Kody is working with the current Thursday cleaning crew on the deep clean of the church and kitchen.

8. The Council spent the next portion of the meeting discussing the current organizational structure of Committees and Parish Council representation and how we need to make a few changes to more accurately reflect the new ministries and focuses of our parish as we grow and change with the needs of our community. Below are the action items that came out of the discussion:
- The Young Adult Ministry and Welcoming Committee will need to be added to the Parish Constitution and have representation on the Parish Council. Both will need to provide purpose statements.
 - We clarified that Parish Life (purposes of hospitality, bringing people together, and fundraising in some cases) will include the following committees: Church Picnic, Spring Auction, Social, Holy Name, and Knights of Columbus. It is recommended that we continue to have one person be the liaison of these committees to the Parish Council and that reps from each of these committees meet two times per year with the Parish Council liaison to talk through any upcoming ideas, collaborations, changes, challenges, etc.
 - We have also identified the need to formalize a new committee to be formed in the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year which would be called Communication and Outreach. This would include members that could help with Marketing, Digital Ministry, Communications, and Tech Support. We will need to begin to plan for this committee to assist Red, create a purpose statement, prepare a budget, have a representative on the Parish Council, and meet quarterly.
 - Red will continue to work on the graphics for the committee structure of the parish that will be included in upcoming Parish Annual Reports (beginning with 23/24 fiscal year) and will also match up with the icons used on the website.
 - Visioning for the future—As a Parish Council, we need to provide the vision for our church. How do we (as a council) continue to grow and lead others to Jesus? What is our 3, 5, or 10 year plan? More on this topic will be discussed at future meetings. We may want to set up more working meetings like this one to accomplish more with additional time.
9. Term Limits: Click [HERE](#) 3 year terms expire on June 30, but members can serve up to 6 years total. Donell will contact everyone to see if they will renew for another year and we will review this at the July Meeting.

Next meeting:

- July 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenny VandenLangenberg on 7.17.23