

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024 ~ 6:30-8:00pm

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
x	Jennifer Mahoney- member at large/Young Adult rep	x	Jenny Vandenlangenberg- Family and Youth Initiatives & PC secretary
	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Barb Rueckl- Worship
x	Phyllis John- member at large (Welcoming)		

Opening Prayer was led by Deb.

1. The group reviewed the Committee brochure created for the Grand Opening, New Member Welcome Information Packet, and to set out in the Welcome area at church. Jenny will relay the requested changes to Red to make the slight revisions. This will be a helpful piece to give an overview of all the different committees and ministries in one place.
2. The Committee representatives each shared updates on their future plans and events.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) - Jennifer M. representative

Members from the Committee will be on hand to help as needed for the Grand Opening Celebration on June 8th. They have decided that moving forward, there will be a monthly get together and it will alternate between a prayer then social activity, and a service activity. In May they will gather at church for the Rosary, then head out to Mini Golf. In June the group will gather to make a meal for Wellspring. In August, the plan is to get a group out to the Shrine to celebrate the Assumption. It was noted that the Youth Group plans and activities are separate from YAM, although members from YAM may be assisting with Youth Group.

Neil is currently making phone calls to every family, introducing himself, inviting them to Mass, and letting them know about Youth Group activities.

Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI)-Jenny V. representative

Members from the committee will be helping with children's activity area at the Grand Opening. They will also lead the coordination on "Finding a Little Jesus" at the tours that will be held that evening. June 12th is Outdoor Movie Night. Movies are 6:00 Migration and 8:00 Father Stu:Reborn PG. POP Playdates are coming back this summer twice per month on Mondays and Fridays. We are thinking about adding in a Grandparents Day Celebration after the 10:00 Mass on September 8th. Other committees interested in

coordinating this with us are encouraged to. Backpack Blessing Weekend is Aug. 24th and 25th. Pet Blessing will most likely be on Saturday, October 5th.

Helping Hands Committee-Sara Shefchik representative

The Catholic Charities Bottle Collection is in progress. Blood Drives, NEW Shelter Meals, the Preble Hive Collection, and Paul's Pantry food drive will all continue as usual. Advent by Candlelight will be coming back to POP this year.

Welcome Committee-Phyllis John representative

The New Member Dinners will again be held twice per year now that construction is complete. The next one is in October. The committee will have a presence at the Church Picnic, and host Coffee/Donut Sunday once per year. They will be meeting again in June, and are looking for ideas for little giveaways, as well as more members of the committee to have a presence at the 6:00 Sunday Masses.

Discipleship Committee-Jackie Goral representative

August 24th will be a Men's Retreat. The Women's Retreat is still TBD. The Christian Mommy Group is looking for a new leader, but interest is there for this ministry. The Women's Group is not currently meeting, but "Blessed is She" is a program up for consideration and still being planned. Neil is working with members of the Discipleship committee to look at ideas for programming for parents to attend while their children are at Religious Ed classes on Wednesday nights. A Lectio Divina event is being planned for Dec. 12. They are hoping for childcare to be offered this evening.

Alpha Team - Barb Rueckl representative

Membership of the team is up to 12. There is now a 5 night series of Lectio Divina that can be added into Alpha. September 17th will be an Alumni Banquet. The team is also working on Small Group Facilitator Training that will be held in October. They are happy to have 2 businesses that have offered to host Alpha sessions this fall.

Church Picnic - Sara will take the lead on an updated version for the picnic napkin can wraps that will highlight our upcoming events, Mass times, inspiration quotes, etc.

Future Ideas: We would like to find a better way to honor our graduates at Mass.

3. Deacon Jeff reported that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony went very well. 70-80 people attended and he's getting a lot of positive feedback on the new space, especially the entrance/welcoming area.

4. [Term Limits](#) Sara's term will be complete & we will need to fill an At Large Member seat. Donell's term as Co-chair will also be complete. She will be staying on the Council as an At Large Member, but we need to fill the Chair position to take effect on July 1st. We will need to decide this by the next meeting.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday-June 26th at 6:30