

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2023 ~ 5:30 - 7:00pm

**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
	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
x	Emily Myrda- Helping Hands	x	Barb Rueckl- Worship
x	Phyllis John- member at large (Welcoming)		Erik Wiegand - Young Adult Committee

1. Opening Prayer was provided by Emily.
2. Jeff and Donell gave an update on our building project. The General Contractor bids were received and reviewed today. On Tuesday, May 30th, a joint Parish & Finance Council meeting will be held to make the final decision. The most competitive bid came in around \$4M and we anticipate an additional \$1M needed for furnishings and technology. On June 8th, a meeting is scheduled with the Diocese College of Consultors composed of priests, then on to the Diocese Finance Committee for final approval. If all goes as planned, we will be breaking ground the day after the picnic and the project is estimated to be completed by May 1, 2024.

The Continuation Committee (Fundraising) from POP will be formed. They will be contacting the members who haven't pledged yet in the upcoming weeks to continue raising the funds still needed.

3. The Picnic Committee met and decided on a few ideas how we can incorporate more Jesus into the picnic this year. They include: 1. Table Tents/signs to be placed on the tin napkin cans. They will have various messages which could include a parishioner highlight, Saint quote, Question for your neighbor, Meal Prayer, etc. Donell will send out a Google Doc for us to share ideas. She and Sarah are willing to lead this piece. 2. A prayer will be said over the PA before the raffle. 3. Opportunity for Prayer intentions to be written down and turned in at a few spots throughout the grounds. The Committee will pray for these intentions together as a group on Monday after the picnic. The Picnic committee will own this piece. Jenny will connect with Mindy and Red. 4. A photo opportunity will be created. Red will take care of this and let us know if she needs assistance. 5. Inspirational painted rocks

will be placed throughout the grounds. Mindy has been in touch with the parishioner who will do this.

Jeff Melotte has volunteered to be the new co-chair of the picnic. Hooray! His position as Leader of the Beverage Tent now needs to be filled along with an afternoon Food Tent Leader, and Courtesy Cart Leader.

4. Kody has requested that the Parish Council coordinate a Spring Cleaning, as it has been a while since the kitchen and church floors received a deep cleaning. A crew of about 10 people would be needed for each of these tasks. We decided that a day during the week would be best and that we can coordinate a sign up sheet for this to take place. It would also be an excellent opportunity to create awareness and recruit new people for the weekly volunteer crew that cleans on Thursday mornings after 7:30a.m. Mass. Donell will report back to Kody on this.
5. We have decided to focus next month's meeting June 22nd from 4:00-7:00 on the structure of our committees and how they are represented on the Parish Council. Here is the Current [Organizational Structure of Committees](#) . [HERE](#) is the start of a new structure/logo that Red started creating. We will continue the conversation regarding The Community Life and Social Committees as we look at the purposes of our events. Are they fundraising, service providing, or social events? We could consider renaming Social to Hospitality Committee.
6. Reminder for each committee to submit their minutes to Kody at the Parish Office, and copy in Red so she can post to the parish webpage.
7. We brainstormed possible new liturgical year themes: Open the door to Christ, Count it all joy, Find joy, Joy in Jesus, Making space for Jesus, Let every heart prepare him room, Open your heart to Jesus, Cast out into the Deep. As we prepare for the upcoming building project we like the making space theme. We will keep thinking it over and decide in the next month or two.

**Upcoming meetings & events:**

- Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30pm- Joint FC & PC meeting (decide on contractor/builder)
- June 22, Thursday 4:00-7:00 includes dinner (Jimmy Johns) - Red and Kathy will be invited
- October 21st - New Member Welcome Dinner

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jenny VandenLangenberg 5/29/23.