

St. Anthony Pastoral Council
November 13, 2023, Meeting

MINUTES

Father Osman opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:07 pm. Present were Father Osman, Ferron Harris, Marilyn Karpinski, Rick Michael and Joe Voigt. Absent were Dan Caruso and Tom Wiegand.

In light of the absent members, Father asked Marilyn, in addition to sending out the Flocknote reminder, to call all members before the meeting to confirm their attendance. As a new member of the council, Rick Michael was then introduced and welcomed.

Old Business

Minutes – With the correction of the missing “y” on Anthony in the Mission Statement, the minutes were approved as printed. It was recommended final minutes of the meetings be made available to all parishioners, and it was decided that minutes will be published on the parish website. A notice will be put in an upcoming bulletin announcing the availability of the minutes.

Agape Dinner – The success of the dinners was acclaimed by all and plans to continue the dinners through the remainder of the Eucharistic Revival were formulated. There will be three dinners. The first will be a Passover meal on February 13, the day before Ash Wednesday, in which the educational portion will be the meal itself where the connection between Passover and the Eucharist will be fully explained. This will be followed by an “ask your priest” segment where attendees will be provided the opportunity to ask and discuss at their tables questions initiated by the audience. The second meal will be held on April 9, and will be a combination appreciation dinner and Easter celebration. The third will be a Marian Meal on May 13 with educational content to center on Mary, our Mother. The dinners, which will carry the title of a Eucharistic Revival Event will conclude with a Corpus Christi Dinner on June 10. The dinners which are to include all three churches, will remain free of charge to attendees. Marilyn will develop announcements to explain the dinners as a continuation of the Agape Meals. She is also to contact Cathy Brian, Liz Ickes, and members of the Altar and Rosary to confirm a date for the appreciation dinner as the August 2 date may be too close to the Confirmation Reception the next day on April 3.

Daily Chapel – Father presented the quote obtained by Dan Caruso and a discussion followed. It was decided not to use the app proposal as it may be too confusing for some parishioners and choose the keypad option. Father announced there is a donor who has asked to meet with him about financing a complete remodel of the Chapel. Since this is a very real possibility, the target date of December 8 for the opening of the Chapel for private prayer is being delayed until firm plans have been developed for the remodel and the keyless entry may or may not be included in the donation. The council will however, discuss the proposals further when Dan is present to fully explain the choices. Father emphasized that cost, while important, should not be the determining factor as his primary concern is ease of use for all parishioners.

New Finance Council – Father announced the new members of Finance Council were presented to the congregation as part of a bulletin announcement and shared copies with the council. The new members are Kurt Voigt, Stephen Schneider, Tom Jones, and John Slagle.

New Daily Mass Time - Father reported he has heard no objections to the change in the morning Mass time and most seem to be pleased with the change. “They are happy,” he says.

New Business

Hosting Marian Route – St. Anthony’s has been asked to host an overnight stop on the Marian Route of the Eucharistic Procession which begins in Wisconsin and winds its way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress. It will stop in Angola on Sunday evening, July 7, 2024, where the parish will host a pot-luck dinner and adoration and house the pilgrims. The next morning the guests will have dinner with their host families and attend Mass at 8:30 am, followed by a Eucharistic Procession around the circle. A discussion followed as to where to host the event since the Altar and Rosary Society will be occupying both of our halls with their 54th annual rummage sale. Marilyn proposed a large white tent be erected on the east lawn facing the Blessing Box park. Father suggested the Eucharistic Revival Committee made up of the point persons from each church along with the three priests and administrative staff, be invited to the next council meeting on January 8. The agenda will first address the event followed by an abbreviated regular meeting agenda. Given the extra content the next meeting will begin at 5:00.

Small Faith Sharing Groups – Marilyn reported the deadline for signing up was this past Sunday, November 12, and Patricia would be putting together the groups next week in anticipation of beginning the week of December 1.

Parish Picnic – Marilyn announced the Pastoral Council has been assigned responsibility for organizing the Parish Picnic. It was decided St Paul’s will once again be the host site for the

event now scheduled for Sunday June 23, 2024, from 11:30-3:30 pm. As it was last year, all three parishes will have representation on the planning committee. Marilyn will contact Patti for notes from last year's planning sessions and contact information for members.

New Roof – Katie has obtained a grant to cover one fourth of the cost of \$40,000 for the new roof. The remainder will be financed by contributions of \$10,000 each from the Altar and Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, and the parish.

Youth Ministry – Father emphasized the importance of developing this program as it is crucial to the health and future of the parish and is the one area needing the most attention at present. He stated while JP is young and gaining experience, the problem is universal with all parishes. Marilyn suggested including joining youth group as part of the Confirmation program as it seems most children drop out after Confirmation. Father agreed and said they call Confirmation as the “last sacrament.” He reported Discipleship Jesus Night is Thursday. Rick stated kids are being pulled in a lot of different directions and it is hard to get them involved. After much discussion, it was decided part of the problem also stems from the lack of friend groups within the parish, partially attributed to lack of a parish school, and lack of parent involvement and encouragement.

Adjournment – Father closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:55 pm.

Next Meeting – January 8, 5:00 pm.

Prayerfully submitted,
Marilyn Karpinski
Secretary