

St. Charles Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**Opening, Call to Order Meeting Canceled Due to Weather Threat (Snow)**

Date: January 21, 2024 Time: 6: 30 PM

In Attendance:

Fr. Michael, Deacon Don, Bob James, Pat James, Mary Beth Briggs, Andrea Scott, David Scott, John McCormick, Mike Strub, Terry Strub, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, Tara Ashworth, Marta Rose, Brian Heath, Kim Heath, Leticia Palacio, Adela Montalvo, Jose Montalvo, Rob Harris, Marge Surran, Joan Natali, Jeanette Orzo, Judy Chuisano, Maria Herrera Juarez, David Rodriguez, Peggy Phillips

Focus on Faith Readings : 1<sup>st</sup> Nehemiah 8:8-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:12-14, 27. Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Approval of meeting minutes-

Questions, Comments –

**New Business:**

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**Old Business Update:**

1. Food Pantry – finance council has asked for continued financial help, and we are doing so.
2. ADA Parking – Bob Panek has volunteered to obtain permits.
3. Possible New Parishioner Dinner in January?
4. Columbarium – 3 people have responded to the bulletin announcement about expanding.

**Finance Council**

**Archives** Chair: Marge Surran

**Ecumenical** Chair: John J McCormick - Acting (Placeholder)

Participants: Mary Beth Briggs - Former Chair  
John J McCormick – Place Holder Chair

Discussion: Centered around revitalizing the Ministry and other matters thoughts and ideas related to that objective. Discussion lasted approx. 40 minutes.

- A) Formulated a list of possible churches to contact – Total was 7 ministers serving some 9 Christian Congregations – Geographically from Eastville south to the bridge,
- B) Proposed a “dinner meeting” ( “breaking bread” ) inviting each church to send 2 reps to join us at our Parish Hall for dinner and discussion to learn more about each other and to see if there are places we can work together to spread Christianity and God’s word,
- C) How to contact and who to contact was discussed understanding that some of the churches had no permanent Pastors and some shared Pastors as well – decision was to collect as much info as possible and telephone/e-mail and leave messages to contact me at my cell number,
- D) Formulated a list of dates for possible shared activities might be possible – some have been done in the past and others would be new – EX. Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday Stations, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, Possible Retreat in June, Pentecost and Sunday of Hope,
- E) Possible Helping Hands for Ministry was also discussed and those would be from our church and from other congregations as well who have either spoken to me directly as interested or mentioned to me in conversation with others as might be interested in joining this fellowship endeavor.

**Facilities Management** Chair: Rob Harris

Paint parish hall ADA spot  
Nectarine new ADA spots (2)  
Front of church ADA spot  
New church cabinet: under construction  
Reviewing church stained glass window repair proposal  
Maintenance crew work day to be scheduled in February

**Hispanic Ministry:** Chair: Adela and Jose Montalvo, Leticia Palacio

No Report

**Migrant Ministry:** Chair: Karey Fallon

No camp activity to report as our camps are now empty. We have received several clothing donations since our last report which will be offered to St Peter for distribution to workers that are still in their camps or saved for our 2025 season.

**Parish Life:** Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Four o'clock- Spanish Mass, included heartfelt farewells to Michael & Terry Strub. Parish Life provided large cookies given out to parishioners after mass, as a special something from the Strubs. They truly will be missed. We wish them well in their new home in Austin, TX.

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Funeral Service for our dear Chris Bannon, whose life was centered around service to others, a wonderful friend to so many. We will miss you!

The reception was held in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

First Sunday of Advent, after 4:00 Spanish Mass- Posada/Potluck.

Overwhelmingly, supported by our Hispanic community. The amount of food and the many different delicious choices was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Adela & her family and all our church friends who contributed.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the next Posada, don't miss it, it's delightful!

**Religious Ed:** Chair: Kevin Fallon

- Classes are now in session and will continue through December 22, 2024. We currently have **21** students enrolled. Class times are as follows:
  - Morning Sessions K-8 and RCIA-C: 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM
  - Afternoon Session 9-12: 2:50 PM to 3:50 PM
- Enrollment: **20 (Updated from 21)**
  - Reconciliation/First Communion: **7 (Updated from 8)**
  - Family of Faith (non-sacramental formation): 6
  - Confirmation: **5**
  - RCIA - Children (New): 2
- Current Catechists:
  - Judy Chuisano: Reconciliation and First Communion
  - Karey Fallon: Family of Faith (Non sacramental); Confirmation
  - Maureen Bochman: Family of Faith (Non sacramental)
  - Kevin Fallon: Confirmation
  - Laura Sherman Rudmin: Trained VIRTUS Parent for Afternoon Session
- First reconciliation was celebrated during the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> for 7 children. The children will now focus on First Holy Communion preparations scheduled for Mother's day weekend.

**Adult Faith Formation**

- We are continuing our Adult Faith Formation class titled ***"Luke, The Story of Salvation"*** on November 15, 2024. It will run every other week (except Christmas and New Year weeks) to January 31, 2025. ***A new 6 week scripture study will be offered during lent. More details to follow next month.***

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Evangelization -

**Fundraising:** Chair: Tara Ashworth

**Homebound:** Chair: Judy Chusiano

**Social Ministry:** Chair: **Open**

**Worship** Chair: Kevin Fallon (Acting); Funeral Chairs: Peggy Phillips and Marge Surran

**New Office Info:** Chair: Marta Rose

**Secretary's Time:** (clarification of notes taken, if necessary)

**Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:**

**Adjourned :** N/A

**Next Meeting:** February 18 , 2025 6:30PM