

**St. Francis of Assisi Church**  
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 9, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Fr. McNea, Mary Kruse, Rose Bengal, Fr. Jose, Bruce Anderson, Sarah Kinsman-Welch, Joe Wick, Alan Heimer, Susan Shepard (Liturgy Committee).

- Sunday Gospel was read and discussed.
- Enrichment was provided by Sarah on behalf of Barb Plenge, who was unable to attend. The topic was “Mary, Untier of Knots”.

**New Business:**

- Alan Heimer was welcomed as a new committee member representing Faith Justice
- Election of Officers
  - Chair – Bruce Anderson
  - Vice Chair – Rose Bengal
  - Secretary – Joe Wick
- Committee Reports:
  - Emails were read from Janela Hubka and Matthew Edens regarding Faith Formation and youth activities:
    - Looking for a new Faith Formation Coordinator to replace Emily Pass
    - EPIC Faith Formation concluded with a family meal on May 4. 9 of 12 new confirmandi attended!
    - Coordinators, catechists and volunteers provided positive feedback on the program
    - Youth Night is going well and many activities are in the works for this summer
  - At their last meeting, the Faith Justice Committee reviewed feedback from the April 15 Faithful Citizen presentation
  - Liturgy committee is planning their next informational/signup event, and has reserved the Gathering Sunday for the weekend of January 21/22, 2017
- Hispanic community has many activities going on
  - Quinceanera retreat for 12 girls
  - Pentecost retreat at Assisi Heights
  - Pilgrimage to Albert Lea
- Reviewed section B of the Parish Handbook and decided on the following approach
  - Susan will email the leaders and ask them each to update their section (Altar servers, lector, Music...). The responses will be reviewed at their September Liturgy meeting and presented back to the Pastoral Council in October.
  - We will continue with section C at our next meeting
- Child sexual abuse information
  - Since the statute of limitations has been extended till May 25, there is a possibility of more lawsuits
  - We have engaged the recommended legal counsel and have a budget item for this
  - Fr. McNea plans to send a letter to all registered parishioners

**Old Business:**

- Listening Sessions
  - 36 people attended 4 sessions
  - Barb arrange the comments into a review packet which was distributed
  - Will add “Next steps” to the agenda for our next meeting

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- Franciscan Mission – Columbia
  - Sister Usher responded to Fr. McNea via email, and she is interested in working together
  - Sister Usher will be in Minnesota with some CASFA students and are hoping to meet us in July
- Pictorial Directory
  - The goal is to have it finished by the Fall Festival
  - Major June and July dates have been set and will appear in the bulletin
- Parish Picnic
  - The date will be August 14
  - The Knights of Columbus have pledged \$750 and there will also be a free will offering
  - Sarah will reach out to Miriam Goodson for additional volunteers
- Enrichment
  - There will be no enrichment volunteer for our next meeting
  - Rose will put together a rotating schedule of all council members and will present it at the next meeting

**Next Meeting:**

- Monday, August 8 @ 7:00p.m.