



Saint Clare Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

MINUTES

Attendance:

Fr. Don	😊	Kim Zea	exc		
Paddy O'Brien	😊	Paul Sherbo	exc	Dolly Specht	😊
Jim Krueger	😊	Leann Spencer	exc	Maria Clemente	😊
David Villegas	😊	Matt Boileau	😊	Debi Monahan	😊

Paddy opened meeting at 6:35pm. Fr. Don led prayer.

Paddy reviewed procedure regarding MINUTES – will proceed as always have done. She also reviewed need to set Council meeting dates for the rest of the year. The Council will delay the setting of dates until the November meeting when everyone would have their calendars. Will remind the members to bring their calendars next meeting.

1. Pastor's Report:

- 1.1 Briefly talked about the pilgrimage, invited David & Dolly to add. Many appreciated following daily posts on our FB parish page. "Catholics being Catholic" was the overall experience. Bonding was most invaluable, and seeing the spaces where saints lived evoked much gratitude. Huge Thank You to LeAnn for coordination.
- 1.2 New Business Manager is Santo Graziano -- will invite to meet at next PC Mtg.
- 1.3 Attendance is up with new faces. School families are also attending more often, with "special" occasions more and more.
- 1.4 All Saints Day & All Souls Day is on a weekend – so Holy Day of Obligation is lifted. Saturday 8:30am Mass celebrates All Saints Day. 5pm Saturday & Sunday Masses are All Souls.
- 1.5 ACTS Retreat for Men coming up November 13-16. Dave will pitch at Knights of Columbus. Paul did a fabulous job talking about it at Mass – would like to see 20 participants.

2. In lieu of **Kim's Report**, since she's still abroad, Paddy mentioned the upcoming Dinner Talks beginning Thursday, October 23rd with Jerry Roussell with PRAYER as topic. 5:30-7pm

3. Committee Reports:

- 3.1 Education Committee: Maria reported Parent/Teacher conference coming up, middle school dance, safety week included fire/earthquake/lockdown drills, book fair, Kinder open house & Picture Day. Also discussed pre-Auction sign-ups. Bubble Run raised over \$60,000!
- 3.2 Maria also reported on status of Mary's Garden needing more attention this fall.
- 3.3 Outreach Committee
 - 3.3.1 SVdP - Per Mary Bunday – supported 16 families, 9 families received food, paid 3 utilities totalling \$1727, 4 rents totalling \$2419 = 51 individuals total

- 3.3.2 *St. Andre Bessette – Soup Kitchen* - Per John Kowalczyk -- greatest participation of St. Clare Volunteers and Guests since the beginning of indoor dining service in December 2024. We had 16 St. Clare volunteers participate, with 67 guests attending.
- 3.3.3 *Prison Ministry – Coffee Creek* – Per Paul and Judy Sherbo -- We had 5 people this past month. There is still a feeling that we are gaining momentum. And 3 people expressed interest in prison ministry during ministry fair.
- 3.4 Community Life Committee (LeAnn was absent) Fr. Don reminded people to get in names to go on the Remembrance Banners soon. (These are names of people only who have passed this year.)
- 3.5 Liturgy Committee – (Kim usually includes this in her report.) Fr. Don reported that this committee meets about 4 times a year and usually is about the support systems for the liturgy, like the sound system.)
- 3.6 Giving Tuesday Committee - The Giving Tuesday Committee. Jim serves on this committee; requested by Fr. Don. Jim was asked by the committee to get input from the Pastoral Council about the committee's problems and especially the need to have a compelling mission statement. Jim provided a statement in writing for the Council to react. There was much discussion about endowment, the reserve fund, and the role of the Administration Council and the Pastoral Council. Fr. Don preferred that the Church not have an endowment fund at this time

4. New Business

- 4.1 Matt Boileau brought up the issue of a succession plan due to Fr. Don's future retirement. This has been brought up in the past also. This will be a topic for a future meeting.
- 4.2. Paul Sherbo's written parishioner testimonials will be published in the weekly bulletins in the next few weeks.
- 4.3 Dolly shared what the pilgrims gifted to Fr. Don, in remembrance of the first-ever St. Clare pilgrimage to Assisi: a chalice & paten. Then, gifts for all other PC members were passed out.

- 5. **ACTION ITEMS**– Invitation to Santos to come to Pastoral Council when his schedule allows.

Next Board Meeting November 12, 2024, 6:30-8:00