

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 2023

Father David opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer. In attendance were members David Dart, Bill Franz, Wayne Hussey, Bob McCarty, and Cy Richards. Father David Leibham, Pastor, and Ms. Jane Heckler, Parish Chief Operating Officer, were also in attendance.

The first item of business was a discussion of the Grotto. The Council met at the location of the to-be-built Grotto. It will be built in the area near the south side of the chiller masonry wall that was recently completed on ground that is already almost a natural alcove. The contractor for the job was present and explained his approach to the project and answered a number of questions. Lakeway has granted appropriate permits for the construction. The Grotto will contain a six foot statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. The statue will weigh one ton. It has been ordered and should arrive in the Fall. The Grotto is still designed to be accessed by walking on an extended sidewalk without having to walk in the parking lot.

The next item of business involved a presentation by Ms. Jane Heckler regarding the fire suppression piping in the Church. It developed a leak in two different areas. One was relatively easy to access and fix. The other is more challenging. Scaffolding has been placed to allow crews to access the pipe in issue and replace it with stronger pipe. The job is expected to take about three weeks and cost approximately \$25,000.

The final item of business was a discussion of the Sacrament of Confirmation policy. The Bishop of the Austin Diocese has directed that two years of religious education for those students enrolled in religious education are necessary to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At least in the recent past, those two years have encompassed 8th Grade and Freshman (9th Grade) year of High School. Going forward, the two years of preparation will be Freshman and Sophomore years of High School. Additional information regarding this change will be announced and disseminated in the near future.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses at Emmaus on July 2. Wayne Hussey and Bob McCarty are handling this endeavor.

The closing prayer was led by Father David.