

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

August 17, 2023

Father David opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer. In attendance were members David Dart, Bill Franz, Wayne Hussey, Cy Richards, and Morris Stark. 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 Our Lady's Grotto. Father David explained that construction was delayed by the contractor unfortunately slicing a gas line. The gas line has now been moved. Materials have been obtained and construction is underway. The Grotto will contain a six foot statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. It is to be shipped shortly; it should arrive before the end of September.

Father David made a presentation regarding replacing the clear glass windows at Queen of Angels Chapel with stained glass windows. He advised that he has contracted with Cavallini Art Glass Studio in San Antonio to create stained glass windows in order to enhance the spiritual beauty of Queen of Angels Chapel. Altogether, there are 18 windows to be converted from clear glass to stained glass. The conversion is anticipated to occur in 2024. Sponsors will cover the cost of the windows; the sponsors are already in place.

The next item of business involved a presentation by Father David and Ms. Jane Heckler regarding various repairs and maintenance on campus. The first was regarding the fire suppression piping in the Church that developed a leak in two different areas. The piping has now been repaired. Moreover, while the scaffolding was in place, the lighting in the area of the fire suppression piping was replaced. Second, a major painting project has been underway for several weeks. It has included the Parish Life Center, the Parish Hall, the music room, the deck, the foyer, and meeting rooms. Third, a 20-year old boiler had to be removed; it has now been replaced so Emmaus again has two boilers that work. Emmaus currently has only one chiller that works but staff are in the process of acquiring another and expect it to be acquired and operational by April 2024.

Finally, Father David was pleased to report that the Faith formation programs at Emmaus are going very well.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses at Emmaus on September 3. David Dart and Kelly Grey are handling this endeavor.

The closing prayer was led by Father David.